# Dopaminergic and noradrenergic brain mechanisms underlying attention, cognitive performance and reward learning.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type -

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON24350

Source

NTR

**Brief title** 

**STRAX** 

#### **Health condition**

Psychiatric illness; ADHD; depression; schizophrenia; cognitive abilities; attention; executive functions; reward learning

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Maastricht University

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Maastricht University

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Performance on neuropsychological tests and associated brain activity (MRI)

### **Secondary outcome**

Reaction-speed and performance (% correct) at several focus and learning tasks.

# **Study description**

#### Study objective

In comparison to placebo (PLC), atomoxetine (ATX) alters specific components of brain networks underlying cognition and reward-related networks and modulates task performance.

#### Study design

3 timepoints. Session 1 (Day 1), Session 2 (Day 4), session 3 (Day 11).

#### Intervention

The study consists of three sessions.

Session 1: In a 1-hour session, we will measure mood variables and executive functions.

Session 2 and 3:We will measure attention-related skills and related brain activity with neuropsychological tasks and MRI. On one occasion, the participant receives a placebo (a fake pill) and on the other occasion atomoxetine 60mg (oral; a safe challenge that temporarily increases noradrenaline and dopamine in the brain).

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

- Male gender
- Age between 18 and 30
- Right-handed

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Psychiatric disorders
- Neurological disorders
- Endocrine disorders
- Drug or alcohol dependence
- Current (recreational) drug use; will be checked in urine
- Recent use of corticosteroids
- Past/current psychopharmacological treatment (e.g. antidepressants, antipsychotics, mood stabilisers, sleeping medication)
- High (>28) or low (<18) Body-Mass Index
- Contraindication for a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Crossover

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-11-2015

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 19-01-2016

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

ID: 43560

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

# In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL5558 NTR-old NTR5679

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# **Study results**