# **CBT** for tinnitus related insomnia

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Not applicable

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** 

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON24403

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

TBA

**Health condition** 

**Chronic Tinnitus** 

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Maastricht University Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Marie Sklodowska-Curie grant agreement number 722046

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Sleep quality as measured by the sleep diary

#### **Secondary outcome**

Tinnitus experience as measured by the tinnitus diary

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Tinnitus is the perception of sound (excluding voices), often described as a "ringing" or a high frequency tone, which occurs in the absence of an identifiable source. Although approximately 20% of the adult population has tinnitus, between 1-6% suffer from it. Chronic tinnitus has no cure and sufferers typically experience severe distress and disturbances in many aspects of daily life. Insomnia is one such complaint that is prevalent amongst tinnitus sufferers, with the underlying mechanisms still largely unknown. Insomnia may not be a secondary complaint and may be the cause, maintainer and generator of disorders, distress and dysfunction. Given the dynamic relationship between insomnia and tinnitus, insomnia is likely a comorbid clinical complaint. As such, comorbid insomnia must be treated directly. Recent meta-analyses have concluded that CBTi has clinically significant effects on primary chronic insomnia and comorbid insomnia. Moreover, beyond insomnia reduction, CBTi has demonstrated improvements in accompanying complaints such as depression, generalized anxiety disorder and chronic pain. More recently, a small trial has suggested that the same improvements might be true for tinnitus patients with half of the participants showing improvements in tinnitus distress. The trial was the first ever conducted with CBTi on tinnitus patients. Despite the small number of participants (n=24) and lack of control condition, the findings are an important first step in understanding insomnia in tinnitus patients. Further research into the effects of CBTi on tinnitus is needed. As an alternative and complementary approach to Randomized Control Trial (RCT), Single-Case Experimental Design (SCED) offers high degree of internal validity, vital for establishing causal relations between intervention and changes within patients. SCED also enables for an in depth exploration of change mechanisms within the intervention, allowing for the emergence and exploration of possible mediators and moderators. This research utilizes the SCED methodology to investigate CBTi for tinnitus patients allowing a more precise and controlled evaluation of the treatment protocol and enabling causal relationships to be established. A positive and reliable effect of CBTi on insomnia and tinnitus distress may provide a concrete path to treatment and indicate future directions for intervention designs.

#### Study objective

Primary Objective: This study aims to investigate the positive, negative or lack of effect that CBTi has on insomnia in tinnitus patients. Secondary Objective(s): Investigate the positive, negative or lack of effect that CBTi has on tinnitus experience.

#### Study design

Start at introduction (session 0) to 3-month follow-up (session 8).

#### Intervention

Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Insomnia (CBTi)

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## **Eligibility criteria**

#### **Inclusion criteria**

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be primarily seeking treatment/help for difficulties caused by tinnitus.
- Additionally complaints of sleep disturbance (e.g. insomnia) as measured by the Insomnia Severity Index.
- Recommended to start CBTi protocol.
- Be at least 18 years of age. Have at least moderate tinnitus (as defined by the Tinnitus Questionnaire)

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- Any person who discloses current suicidal intent.
- Severe anxiety or depression (as measured by the HADS-A and/or HADS-D.)
- Pregnancy of potential participant or partner.
- Currently undergoing any treatment for tinnitus (e.g. Tinnitus Retraining Therapy).
- Reported to have commenced or ceased a course of antidepressants [i.e. selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs); selective serotonin and norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors (SNRIs); atypical antidepressants, tricyclic antidepressants, or monoamine oxidase inhibitors], antipsychotics [Aripiprazole (Abilify), Asenapine (Saphris), Brexpiprazole (Rexulti), Cariprazine (Vraylar), Clozapine (Clozaril), Iloperidone (Fanapt), Lurasidone (Latuda), Olanzapine (Zyprexa), Paliperidone (Invega), Quetiapine (Seroquel), Risperidone (Risperdal), Ziprasidone (Geodon), Haloperidol], anxioltytics [beta blockers, benzodiazepines], Ritalin, hormone replacement therapy, or medication to lower high blood pressure (i.e. thiazide diuretics, ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers, beta blockers, calcium channel

blockers, renin inhibitors] within the previous 3 months

- Unable to read and write fluently in Dutch.

# Study design

### **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: N/A , unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-07-2019

Enrollment: 6

Type: Anticipated

### **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: Undecided

## **Ethics review**

Not applicable

Application type: Not applicable

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 49401

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

# In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL7841

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# **Study results**