# Treatment of binge eating disorder with dialectical behaviour therapy

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**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Recruiting

Health condition type -

**Study type** Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON25741

**Source** 

NTR

**Brief title** 

**DBT for BED** 

**Health condition** 

Binge eating disorder

**Eetbuistoornis** 

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Amarum, specialist centre of eating disorders (part of GGNet). **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Amarum, specialist centre of eating disorders (part of GGNet).

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

- Frequency of binge eating, over the prior 28 days (EDE-Q)
- Eating disorder psychopathology (EDE-Q total score and subscales 'Restraint'; 'Eating
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concern'; 'Shape concern'; 'Weight concern')

• DSM eating disorder classification (EDI-2 Screeningslist)

#### **Secondary outcome**

- Emotional eating (DEBQ subscale 'Emotional Eating')
- Alexithymia (TAS-20)
- Impulsivity (BIS 30 / EDI-2 subscale 'Impulse Regulation')

#### Tertiary outcomes:

- BMI (height and weight)
- Waist circumference
- General psychopathology (SCL-90 total score)
- Depression (BDI-II)
- Anxiety (SCL-90 subscale 'Anxiety')
- Personality factors commonly seen in eating disorders (EDI-2 subscales: Ineffectiveness, Perfectionism, Interpersonal Distrust, Social Insecurity)
- General coping skills (UCL)
- Quality of life (EuroQol)
- Dropout rate

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Binge eating disorder (BED) is characterised by recurrent episodes of uncontrollable overeating without the use of regular, inappropriate compensatory behaviours that are typical for bulimia nervosa. Behavioral weight loss (BWL), interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT) and cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) have shown to reduce binge eating with the latter currently being the treatment of choice for BED. CBT helps to reduce binge eating substantially and leads to abstinence from binge eating in a proportion of patients. Estimates about the exact proportion vary widely across studies (e.g. Dingemans, et al. 2002; Munsch

et al., 2007; Wilfley et al., 2002). General consensus seems to be that a substantial number of patients do not reach abstinence from binge eating. For this latter patient group, other treatment models should be developed in order to increase abstinence rates. One such treatment model is Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). DBT for BED is based on the assumption that binge eating is a behavioural attempt to influence, change or control painful emotional states. In DBT patients are taught healthier affect regulation skills. Preliminary studies investigating the adaptation of DBT to target disordered eating have been promising in comparison to a wait-list. Compared to an active comparison therapy (credible placebo), there were no significant differences between the groups at any time during the follow-up period. The DBT group however achieved abstinence and reductions in binge frequency more quickly (e.g., at post treatment) and showed significantly fewer dropouts, 4% vs. 33,3% (Safer et al, 2010). Dropout in CBT ranges from 12% to 34% (Flueckiger et al. 2011). To our knowledge, direct comparison of DBT and CBT has never been conducted yet. The present study assesses the effectiveness of DBT compared to treatment as usual (CBT+, which consists of a day treatment program offering CBT and psychomotor therapy) at our eating disorder treatment centre in patients with binge eating disorder using a randomized controlled design. We will examine whether DBT leads to similar or even better results than CBT+ with respect to binge frequency, eating disorder psychopathology, levels of emotional eating, alexithymia and impulsivity, general psychopathology (more specifically reduction of levels of depression and anxiety), decrease in body weight and waist circumference and in improvement of coping skills.

#### Study objective

We expect to find that overall, DBT will show larger treatment effects than CBT+ while being less time-consuming than CBT+. More patients will respond to DBT than to CBT because it is assumed that DBT will also help for those patients that do not respond to CBT. More specific, we expect to find better results in terms of binge frequency, and eating disorder psychopathology for DBT. Given the nature of the intervention we do expect to find differences on emotional eating, alexithymia and impulsivity, in favour of DBT. On our tertiary outcome measures we do not expect to find any differences with dropout rate being the exception in favour of DBT.

#### Study design

Baseline assessment T0: just before treatment

T1: right after treatment

Follow-up measurements:  $\frac{1}{2}$  year (T2), 1 year (T3), 2 years (T4) and 4 years after treatment (T5).

#### Intervention

- Emotion regulation skills training based on the Stanford Dialectical Behaviour Therapy protocol for binge eating disorder (DBT), without a diet advice or stimulation of physical exercise. This is a systematic skills training, aimed at training in mindfulness, emotion

regulation and tolerance of distress. The treatment consists of a 20 sessions 2 hour group therapy and is given by two trained psychologists/psychotherapists.

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy + (CBT+), based on the cognitive model of eating disorders. The program focuses on normalizing eating behaviour (i.e. creating and maintaining a regular eating pattern, stop bingeing), raising body awareness and optimizing physical movement. Used techniques are psycho-education, self-monitoring, self-control, cognitive restructuring and psychomotor therapy. The treatment consists of 20 days of group therapy and is given by one trained cognitive-behavioural therapist, one trained sociotherapist and one trained psychomotor therapist.

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## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

Clients with binge eating disorder (according to the DSM-5), obesity (BMI of 30 or above) and high scores on the DEBQ-scale emotional eating (>= 2.38).

#### **Exclusion criteria**

Previous CBT treatment for being overweight or eating disorders, substance abuse, psychosis, suicidality, severe personality disorder or physically caused obesity, as well as concurrent treatment for being overweight or eating disorders by medical specialist or

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## Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 19-01-2012

Enrollment: 70

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 28-08-2013

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

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

ID: 36670

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL3982 NTR-old NTR4154

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# **Study results**

## **Summary results**

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