Diagnostic Imaging of Affective Disorders using Emotion-processing (DIADE) A neuroimaging study to determine biomarkers to discriminate unipolar and bipolar depression

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Ethical review Approved WMO **Status** Will not start

Health condition type Psychiatric disorders **Study type** Observational invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON32689

Source

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Brief title

DIADE

Condition

· Psychiatric disorders

Synonym

bipolar disorder, depression, mood disorders

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Academisch Medisch Centrum

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMw

Intervention

Keyword: bipolar disorder, diagnosis, fMRI, major depressive disorder

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

We will compare performance on the affective go/no-go task between MDD, BD I and HC, measured by response time, number of omissions and number of errors. The same outcomes will be examined for the neuroimaging tasks. We will compare brain responses of fMRI tasks relative to control conditions between MDD, BD and HC. We will compare responses in predefined ventral and dorsal brain regions (dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (PFC), ventral PFC, orbitofrontal, limbic and subcortical regions).

Secondary outcome

Not applicable

Study description

Background summary

This study concerns the diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) and bipolar disorder (BD). Early differentiation between both disorders is very important, since treatments differ, and providing the wrong therapy is associated with prolonged illness duration and recurrence. However, when a patient presents with a major depressive episode (MDE), diagnosis is often unclear due to the fact that (1) clinical characteristics of MDE in both disorders do not clearly discriminate, (2) retrospective assessment of a (hypo)manic episode is usually equivocal and (3) (hypo)manic episodes may occur long after the first MDE. Current diagnostic tools (i.e., questionnaires

and interviews) are rather insensitive, rendering a diagnostic grey zone of false negatives diagnosis for BD. Therefore additional diagnostic procedures are required. At best, this could be procedures to identify disease specific brain-processes (biomarkers). Since findings from recent affective neuropsychological and fMRI studies indicate differences in emotional processing between MDD and BD, these instruments are promising candidates for detecting such biomarkers. Until now, only two studies directly compared MDD and depressed BD with healthy controls (HC). Furthermore, in most studies, medication use was allowed, which may have been an important confounder. To investigate the value of neuropsychological testing and/or fMRI for diagnosis, new studies and replications of earlier research of these biomarkers are needed, preferably in direct comparisons of unmedicated MDD and BD patients versus HC.

Study objective

We aim to (1) improve differential diagnosis of recurrent MDD and BD by investigating biomarkers at a neuropsychological and neurobiological level; (2) investigate whether affective neuropsychological testing can be used as a diagnostic tool for MDD and BD; and (3) investigate whether fMRI can be used for this purpose.

Study design

The study is a cross sectional study with prospective follow up for a period of 2.5 years in an outpatient population.

Study burden and risks

There is no immediate advantage for the participants. All depressed patients will be offered treatment according to treatment guidelines. On the other hand, the study is neither very burdensome, nor does it carry a major health risk.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

Major depressive disorder (MDD) and Bipolar disorder I (BD I) patients of both sexes: age 20-60 years; various levels of depressive symptomatology, ranging from moderate (HDRS * 16), to severe; at least 2 major depressive episodes, with remission between episodes; age of first episode * 30 years; illness duration of * 5 years since the first episode.

In addition, for BD I: at least one manic episode (assessed by SCID) not solely during the use of antidepressants.

Healthy controls (HC): age 20-60 years; euthymia at time of baseline (IDS * 14)

Exclusion criteria

MDD and BD I patients: electroconvulsive therapy within 2 months before scanning; current (hypo)mania (Young Mania Rating Scale (YMRS) > 8; at study entry or within the previous 4 months before baseline); atypical depressive symptomatology; concurrent co-morbid Axis I diagnosis; a clear clinical diagnosis of cluster B personality disorder (assessed by previous documentation and/or a history of recurrent suicidal and/or parasuicidal acts); currently using psychopharmacological medication (antidepressants, anticonvulsants or mood-stabilizers stopped * 2 months before scanning). Incidental benzodiazepine use will be allowed, but must be stopped before scanning.

In addition, for MDD: a history of (hypo)manic derailment after antidepressant use; a family history of bipolar disorder.

HC: a lifetime psychiatric diagnosis (axis I, assessed by SCID); a current diagnosis of alcohol or drug dependence; first-degree relatives with a history of a psychiatric diagnosis; use of any psychopharmacological agent.

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All subjects: a history of head trauma or neurological disease; severe general physical illness; claustrophobia or implanted metal objects.

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational invasive

Intervention model: Other

Allocation: Non-randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Diagnostic

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start Start date (anticipated): 01-10-2008

Enrollment: 80

Type: Anticipated

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Amsterdam UMC

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

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

ID: 20999 Source: NTR

Title:

In other registers

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