# part a) Follow-up brain imaging study in obsessive-compulsive disorder;part b) Frontal-striatal and limbic circuits in Tourette and OCD, a brain imaging study

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Completed
Health condition type	Movement disorders (incl parkinsonism)
Study type	Observational non invasive

### Summary

### ID

NL-OMON39420

**Source** ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

part a) Follow-up brain imaging study in OCD;part b) Brain imaging study in Tourette and OCD

### Condition

- Movement disorders (incl parkinsonism)
- Anxiety disorders and symptoms

#### Synonym

obsessive-compulsive disorder, Tourette

#### **Research involving**

Human

### **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum **Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W,NWO ZonMW veni subsidie,nog lopende onderzoeksaanvragen bij verschillende fondsen;zoals de hersenstichting en het Prinses Beatrix Fonds

### Intervention

Keyword: glutamate, MRI, OCD, response inhibition, Tourette

### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

BOLD response during response inhibition task

#### Secondary outcome

- Glutamate concentration in dorsal ACC (MRS)
- Fractional Anisotropy (DTI)
- cortical thickness preSMA (T1 MRI)
- BOLD response at rest

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is a common and chronic neuropsychiatric condition that is characterized by intrusive anxiety-provoking thoughts (obsessions) and time-consuming ritualistic behaviours (compulsions). Tourette's syndrome is a movement disorders that is characterized by motor and vocal tics. OCD and Tourette share phenomenological and neurobiological characteristics. OCD is characterized by increased limbic and ventral prefrontal-striatal activity at rest and in response to emotional cues as well as decreased dorsal prefrontal-striatal activity correlating with impaired executive performance. The hypothesis has been put forward that altered dorsal prefrontal-striatal function contributes to decreased inhibition of the limbic response during processing of emotions. Based on the results derived from the original project (described in protocol version 2) we have better insight in the structural and functional brain abnormalities in OCD. However 2 important

questions remain: 1) do these abnormalities persist after symptom reduction / remission? and 2) how specific are these abnormalities?

### Study objective

Aims:

- a) Understand persistence and/or plasticity of the brain correlates
- b) Understand specificity of the brain correlates

Questions:

a) Which neural correlates of OCD are state dependent and thus normalized after successful treatment?

b) Which neural correlates of OCD are specific and which correlates are shared with related disorders, e.g. Tourette\*s syndrome?

### Study design

part a)

Follow-up measurement after naturalistic follow-up in OCD patients and healthy controls:

- psychiatric and neuropsychological assessment (2 hours)

- MRI scan session (1 hour), including a) T1-weigthed structural scan (3\*); b) resting state fMRI scan (5\*); c) diffusion tensor imaging (10\*); d) glutamate magnetospectroscopy (MRS) (20\*); and e) functional MRI scan during the response inhibition (10\*)

part b)

Addition of clinical control group (TS patients) and their matched healthy controls:

- psychiatric and neuropsychological assessment (2 hours)

- MRI scan session (1 hour), including a) T1-weigthed structural scan (3\*); b) resting state fMRI scan (5\*); c) diffusion tensor imaging (10\*); d) glutamate magnetospectroscopy (MRS) (20\*); and e) functional MRI scan during the response inhibition (10\*)

### Intervention

Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) will be used to temporarily enhance the excitability of the dorsal prefrontal cortex in patients and, in contrast, to temporarily reduce dorsal responsiveness in healthy controls.

### Study burden and risks

The experiment costs

- 2 hours psychiatric assessment (including questionnaires)

- 1 hour MRI scan session

Half of the patients already participated in the extended version of the protocol and thus exactly know what they can expect.

Main concern is the claustrophobic nature of the MR environment. By excluding extreme claustrophobic participants and by proper guiding of the participants during the experiment, we have the experience that participants can easily fulfill the protocol.

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# **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

### Age

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

Obsessive-compulsive disorder

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Tourette 18-65 years old

### **Exclusion criteria**

psychotropic medication epilepsy metal in body pregnancy psychotic symptoms major somatic disorders severe claustrophobia

# Study design

### Design

Study type: Observational non invasive		
Masking:	Open (masking not used)	
Control:	Uncontrolled	
Primary purpose:	Basic science	

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Completed
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2009
Enrollment:	80
Туре:	Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO	
Date:	11-08-2008
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC
Approved WMO	

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Date:
Application type:
Review commission:

# **Study registrations**

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

No registrations found.

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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

**Register** CCMO ID NL23389.029.08