# Treatment of Obsessive compulsive symptoms in Psychotic disorders: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Published: 19-10-2015 Last updated: 19-04-2024

We aim to evaluate the efficacy and applicability of a CBT intervention for relevant persistent comorbid OCS in patients with a psychotic disorder. We hypothesize that 1) CBT of comorbid OCS will result in a clinical relevant reduction in severity...

**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Anxiety disorders and symptoms

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON42610

Source

ToetsingOnline

Brief title TOP CBT

#### **Condition**

Anxiety disorders and symptoms

#### **Synonym**

obsessive-compulsive disorder, OCD in psychosis

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Psychiatrie

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Ministerie van OC&W

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** CBT, obsessive-compulsive, psychosis, treatment

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The primary endpoint is the change in OCS severity as assessed by the

Yale-Brown-Obsessive-Compulsive Scale (YBOCS) compared to the waiting list

condition.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Secondary endpoints are changes in symptoms of psychosis and depression, social functioning, and quality of life.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Patients with psychotic disorders frequently report co-occurring obsessive-compulsive symptoms (OCS), with 12% fulfilling the criteria for an obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Comorbid OCS are associated with additional impairments, lower quality of life and a less favourable prognosis. Although cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) is considered treatment of first choice in primary OCD, evidence concerning treatment options of comorbid OCS in patients with a psychotic disorder is largely lacking and most patients remain untreated.

#### Study objective

We aim to evaluate the efficacy and applicability of a CBT intervention for relevant persistent comorbid OCS in patients with a psychotic disorder. We hypothesize that 1) CBT of comorbid OCS will result in a clinical relevant reduction in severity of OCS. 2) We further expect that CBT will lead to an improvement in overall psychopathology, increased quality of life and overall functioning

#### Study design

Monocentric single blind randomized controlled trial with 3 month-follow up.

#### Intervention

Manualized CBT will be applied over a period of 12 weeks.

#### Study burden and risks

Burden: Patients will undergo a 1-hour structured interview during baseline assessment and will be asked to fill in additional questionnaires via an online platform, which will take another 30 min. These assessments will be repeated pre-treatment, post-treatment and at 3-month follow-up. Risks: In general, no risks, side effects or adverse effects have been described with respect to CBT. Benefits: In the vast majority of published cases the application of CBT for comorbid OCS resulted in significant decrease of symptom severity and stable remitted psychosis or even improvement of psychotic symptoms during treatment. With this intervention we hope to diminish OCS and to thereby improve the quality of life and functional outcome of participants.

### **Contacts**

#### **Public**

Selecteer

Meiberadreef 5 Amsterdam 1105 AZ NLScientific

Selecteer

Meibergdreef 5 Amsterdam 1105 AZ NL

## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

#### Inclusion criteria

- 1) Obsessive-compulsive symptoms (YBOCS \* 12 for at least 2 months)
- 2) Age range of 18 to 50 years
- 3) Diagnosis of a schizophrenia spectrum disorder according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5
- 5) Good command of the Dutch language
- 6) Able and willing to give written informed consent

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) Rumination or repetitive behaviour solely related to psychotic symptoms. Positive symptoms as such are not an exclusion criterion; only when they are considered to be the primary cause of OCS-like symptoms or when they are so severe that primary treatment focused on positive symptoms is called for (more than one PANSS item of the positive subscale has a score of 5 or when one PANSS item of the positive subscale has a score of 6 or more).
- 2) Sever intellectual impairment, defined as an estimated IQ<70
- 3) Psychopathology precipitated by an organic cause
- 4) High suicidality, operationalized as having a high suicidality score on the M.I.N.I. with the last suicide attempt within the past six months.
- 5) Changes in medication (mood regulators, antipsychotics) within one months prior to the inclusion of the study
- 6) Not being able to travel
- 7) Participant is in seclusion or admitted to a closed ward.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

Primary purpose: Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 07-01-2016

Enrollment: 88

Type: Actual

## **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 19-10-2015

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

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

CCMO NL54107.018.15