

# The (cost-) effectiveness of blended Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (bCBT) for Major Depressive Disorder in specialised mental health care: E-COMPARED trial in the Netherlands.

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Compare the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of blended cognitive behavioral treatment (bCBT) to treatment as usual (TAU) for adults with MDD in specialised ambulatory mental healthcare.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Mood disorders and disturbances NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON44347

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Blended CBT for depression in specialised mental health care

### Condition

- Mood disorders and disturbances NEC

### Synonym

depression, mood disorder

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** European Community's Seventh Framework Program (EU-FP7)

## Intervention

**Keyword:** blended CBT, ecological momentary assessment, major depressive disorder (MDD), specialised mental healthcare

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Primary study outcome is the score on the PHQ-9/QIDS-SR, measuring the level of depressive symptoms.

### Secondary outcome

- A diagnosis of depression (and comorbid disorders), assessed with the MINI International Neuropsychiatric Interview.

- Health-Related Quality of Life, measured with the EQ-5D-5L (EuroQol).

- Health service uptake and production loss due to illness, which produces economic costs, measured with the Trimbos and iMTA Questionnaires on Costs Associated with Psychiatric Illness (TiC-P).

- Patient's expectancy of treatment, measured with the Credibility and Expectancy Questionnaire (CEQ)

- Patient's satisfaction with the treatment, assessed with the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ-8)

- Satisfaction with the platform, evaluated with the System usability scale (SUS)

- The working alliance between therapists and patient, assessed with the short

version of the Working Alliance Inventory (WAI-SF).

- The technical alliance, measured with the Technical Alliance Inventory (TAI)

- Patients' sense of mastery, measured with the Masterscale

- Possible negative side-effect of the treatment, assessed with the 'Inventory

for the assessment of Negative Effects of Psychotherapy' (INEP)

## Study description

### Background summary

Internet-based CBT (iCBT) has been developed and shown effective for prevention and treatment of depression in the general population and in primary care. The next step is to find ways to deliver iCBT in routine mental health practice and to test its effectiveness in that context. As patients in mental health care have more severe and more complex symptomatology, it is assumed that so called \*blended\* treatment (a combination of face-to-face and online treatment) is most suitable for this population. Blended treatment may provide a (cost-) effective alternative to face-to-face treatment for patients with major depressive disorder (MDD).

### Study objective

Compare the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of blended cognitive behavioral treatment (bCBT) to treatment as usual (TAU) for adults with MDD in specialised ambulatory mental healthcare.

### Study design

A pragmatic randomized controlled trial (N = 150) with two parallel conditions, comparing the clinical effects and economic outcomes of TAU (N = 75) to those of bCBT (N = 75), as delivered in two treatment center locations of GGZ inGeest. Measurements are taken at baseline (T0), at month 3 (T1) and follow-up at month 6 (T2) and month 12 (T3).

### Intervention

Blended cognitive behavioral therapy (bCBT) combines individual face-to-face CBT with CBT delivered through an Internet-based treatment platform (ICT4Depression) and a mobile phone component for ecological momentary assessment (EMA). Patients receive weekly alternating face-to-face and online

sessions over a period of 18 weeks. The core components of the treatment are: (1) psycho-education, (2) cognitive restructuring, (3) behavioural activation and (4) relapse prevention.

### **Study burden and risks**

The burden consists of having to fill out extra questionnaires. The risk is estimated to be low.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

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

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Being 18 years of age or older

- Meet DSM-IV diagnostic criteria for MDD as confirmed by the MINI International Neuropsychiatric Interview version 5.0 and a score > 5 on the PHQ-9.

## Exclusion criteria

- Current high risk of suicide according to the MINI Interview section C.
- Serious psychiatric co-morbidity that requires alternative treatment including substance dependence, bipolar affective disorder, psychotic illness, obsessive compulsive disorder as established at the MINI interview.
- Currently receiving psychological treatment for depression in primary or specialised mental health care.
- Being unable to comprehend the spoken and written Dutch language
- Not having access to a computer or tablet with an internet connection
- Not motivated to use the mobile application of the intervention that is offered on Android mobile phones (ICT4Depression)

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	29-07-2015
Enrollment:	150
Type:	Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Generic name:	ICT4Depression platform and Moodbuster application
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Registration: No

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	08-05-2015
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Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC
Approved WMO	
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Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC
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Application type:	Amendment
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**

CCMO

**ID**

NL50340.029.15

## Study results

Date completed: 22-07-2018

Actual enrolment: 103

**Summary results**

Trial is ongoing in other countries