# TRANS-ID tapering: Transitions In Depressive symptoms during tapering of antidepressants

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To search for personalized early warning signals of critical transitions in depressive symptoms within single individuals with a history of depression who wish to taper their antidepressant medication.

**Ethical review** Approved WMO

**Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type Mood disorders and disturbances NEC

**Study type** Observational non invasive

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON45304

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

TRANS-ID tapering

#### **Condition**

Mood disorders and disturbances NEC

#### **Synonym**

Depressive symptoms, feeling down, mood transitions

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: European Research Council

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** complex dynamic systems, depression, diary study, transitions

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The main study parameter is a within-person critical transition towards higher levels of depressive symptoms.

#### Secondary outcome

Secundary study parameters are daily affect, behavior, context, Heart Rate Variability, and physical activity.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

There is a need for a more accurate assessment of personalized risk of transitions towards higher levels of depressive symptoms. It has been suggested that depression may behave like a complex dynamical system, in which sudden transitions can occur between alternative stable states (i.e., no/mild symptoms versus severe symptoms). Transitions in a complex dynamical system may be anticipated by early warning signals (EWS). If transitions in depressive symptoms indeed behave according to complex dynamical system principles, this would mean that there is an alternative route to getting precise and person-specific information on vulnerability, likelihood, and timing of transitions to new episodes of depressive symptoms.

## **Study objective**

To search for personalized early warning signals of critical transitions in depressive symptoms within single individuals with a history of depression who wish to taper their antidepressant medication.

#### Study design

The study concerns an observational study in which a repeated single-subject intensive time-series design is adopted.

## Study burden and risks

There are no risks involved in study participation. The burden associated with participation consists of: an introductory interview before the diary assessments (1,5 hour), filling in diary questions (2 minutes) on a smartphone 5 times a day (thus in total: 10 minutes per day) for a period of 4 months, conducting Heart Rate Variability (HRV) measurements for 5 minutes 2 times a day, wearing an accelerometer on their body for a period of 4 months, completing a weekly depressive symptom scale once a week (5 minutes a week) for a period of 6 months, and an evaluation interview at the end of the study (1,5 hour).

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

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

## Inclusion criteria

- age >= 18
- fulfil the criteria of a past depressive episode according to DSM-IV criteria
- having made a shared decision with a mental health care provider (general practitioner, psychiatrist or a mental health care provider that is supervised by a general practitioner or psychiatrist) to taper the current dose of antidepressant medication
- having made a tapering scheme or plan with a mental health care provider

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- current depressive episode according to the DSM-IV criteria
- presence of bipolar disorder or a psychotic disorder
- reported diagnosis of a personality disorder
- start of any other antidepressant treatment
- inability to work with a smartphone
- not giving informed consent on checking the tapering scheme or plan with the mental health care provider

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 04-07-2017

Enrollment: 45

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 30-11-2016

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

Approved WMO

Date: 20-04-2017
Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

# **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 NL58469.042.16