# A real-time and real-world intervention focusing on stress and reward

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**Ethical review** Approved WMO **Status** Recruitment stopped

**Health condition type** Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders

**Study type** Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

**NL-OMON47082** 

#### Source

**ToetsingOnline** 

**Brief title**INTERACT

#### **Condition**

Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders

#### **Synonym**

at-risk mental state for psychosis; early psychosis

#### Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Universiteit Maastricht

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

#### Intervention

Keyword: ACT, ARMS, ESM, RCT

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The study\*s main parameters are (sub-)clinical symptoms and general and social functioning, as measured with the experience sampling method (ESM), questionnaires and interviews.

#### **Secondary outcome**

Stress-reactivity, reward-experience, and overall positive affect, as measured with ESM.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Despite attempts to prevent or delay transition to chronic psychosis with antipsychotic medication or traditional cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), individuals with an at-risk mental state (ARMS) or a first episode psychosis (FEP) present with poor functioning and high levels of general psychopathology, even in the absence of transition. Acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT; a next generation CBT) is aimed at changing the relationship between the individual and his complaints through detachment and acceptance. Clinical improvement is achieved as a result of reduced distress and impairment, rather than the other way around. As such, ACT could be a particularly interesting candidate treatment for this vulnerable group. A promising new intervention method includes integration of the treatment in the daily-lives of the individuals using mobile technology, which could substantially increase the treatment effects.

## Study objective

The current project aims to investigate the efficacy of a new form of treatment that integrates ACT in the daily-lives of ARMS individuals using a small digital device (PsyMate®). We hypothesise the ARMS and FEP individuals who receive the experimental treatment to improve on measures of clinical and

general functioning, stress-reactivity, and reward-experience compared to individuals who receive a control treatment.

#### Study design

A multi-centre randomised controlled trial (RCT) with three arms i) daily-life ACT and treatment as usual, ii) cognitive behavioral therapy as usual, and iii) treatment as usual, with measurements at pre-intervention, post-intervention, and follow-up at six, 12, and 24 months post-intervention.

#### Intervention

Participants in the daily-life ACT group will receive one psychoeducation session and seven ACT sessions, embedded in a nine-week period during which they are trained to apply the skills learned during the sessions to their daily lives with help of a PsyMate®. Participants. All groups will receive TAU from the clinic or institution they are admitted to.

#### Study burden and risks

There are no health-risks associated with participation. The total time investment for participation during the intervention period depends on group relatedness.

There will be five moments of assessment of our main study parameters each using interviews and questionnaires and six-day ESM periods. These measurements will be equal for all groups and require a time investment of approximately 28 hours in total, divided over a period of two years. Given that all participants are expected to benefit from participation, the burden should be considered acceptable.

Those participants who were randomised in the Daily-life ACT group receive an additional 8 therapeutic sessions of 45 minutes to 1 hour and are expected to practice ACT exercises daily under the guidance of the PsyMate.

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## **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adolescents (12-15 years) Adolescents (16-17 years) Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## **Inclusion criteria**

- 1. Age 16-65 years
- 2. Mental competence\*
- 3. Sufficient command of the Dutch language to understand and follow instructions
- 4. PQ score >6

+

5. An ARMS as assessed by the CAARMS or the SPI-A OR

6. diagnosis first episode psychosis

### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Diagnosis of alcohol or drug dependence or abuse (based on sections K & L of Mini International Neuropsychiatric Inventory)
- 2. Severe endocrine, cardiovascular or brain disease
- 3. diagnosis of organic psychosis

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

**Primary purpose:** Treatment

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 01-06-2015

Enrollment: 101

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 07-07-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

Maastricht, METC azM/UM (Maastricht)

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Review commission: METC academisch ziekenhuis Maastricht/Universiteit

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# **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: 24803 Source: NTR

Title:

# In other registers

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