

# Vivid memories.

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<b>Ethische beoordeling</b>	Positief advies
<b>Status</b>	Werving nog niet gestart
<b>Type aandoening</b>	-
<b>Onderzoekstype</b>	Interventie onderzoek

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON22994

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Aandoening

Intrusive memories; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Intrusieve herinneringen; Posttraumatische stress-stoornis (PTSS)

## Ondersteuning

**Primaire sponsor:** Clinical and Health Psychology Utrecht University

**Overige ondersteuning:** NWO, VIDI Vernieuwingsimpuls to prof.dr. Iris Engelhard

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## Uitkomstmaten

### Primaire uitkomstmaten

Frequency of intrusions measured with a structured clinical interview at 1 week after the aversive event.

# Toelichting onderzoek

## Achtergrond van het onderzoek

N/A

## Doel van het onderzoek

Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan who play the computergame "Tetris" within 24 hours after an aversive event show larger reductions in frequency of event-related intrusive memories at 1 week after the event than soldiers who do not play "Tetris".

## Onderzoeksopzet

Assessments will be scheduled before the intervention, immediately post-intervention, 1 week after the intervention and 6 weeks after deployment.

## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

Participants will be randomly allocated to one of two conditions:

1. Tetris (n=51);
2. Assessments Only (n=51).

The Tetris group will be asked to repeatedly bring the event to mind, while playing Tetris on a computer for 30 minutes. The Assessments Only group will be administered the same pre measures used in the Tetris group, and are asked to return after 30 min. to complete the post assessment. Both groups will be offered care as usual by the Dutch Defense Military Mental Health.

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

1. Exposure to an event according to the stressor A1 criterion of the DSM IV; (American Psychiatric Association, 1994);
2. The event happened no longer than 24 hours earlier.

### Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

Respondents are excluded if they:

1. Are not fully conscious at the time of the intervention;
2. Are severely injured (i.e., physically unable of undergoing the intervention);
3. Are suicidal;
4. Meet the criteria for any of the following DSM-IV diagnoses: psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, depression with psychotic features, or PTSD.

## Onderzoeksopzet

### Opzet

Type: Interventie onderzoek  
Onderzoeksmodel: Parallel

Toewijzing:	Gerandomiseerd
Blinding:	Enkelblind
Controle:	Geneesmiddel

## Deelname

Nederland	
Status:	Werving nog niet gestart
(Verwachte) startdatum:	01-07-2010
Aantal proefpersonen:	102
Type:	Verwachte startdatum

## Ethische beoordeling

Positief advies	
Datum:	01-06-2010
Soort:	Eerste indiening

## Registraties

### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

ID: 34053  
Bron: ToetsingOnline  
Titel:

### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

### In overige registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL2223
NTR-old	NTR2348
CCMO	NL32189.068.10
ISRCTN	ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd.
OMON	NL-OMON34053

# Resultaten

## Samenvatting resultaten

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