# Aggression Replacement Training for adults.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion

**Status** Pending

Health condition type -

**Study type** Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON25956

#### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Nederlandse organisatie voor

Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)

#### Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

The main outcome of aggressive behavior will be the score on the Overt Aggression Scale-Modified for Outpatient Use (MOAS) and Social Dysfunction and Aggression Scale (SDAS). The MOAS and SDAS will be completed by different relevant informants.

#### **Secondary outcome**

During the pre-screening, the MOAS will be completed to examine if the participant meets the inclusion criteria. To examine if the participant does meet the inclusion and does not meet the exclusion criteria the M.I.N.I., SCID-II, CIDI, PPI, Mate-Crimi and NLV will be completed during the screening. For the baseline and follow-up measure of the interventions, the IOA will be conducted to measure social skills. The IPAS, RPQ, AQ, ZAV, HIT and PSAP will

be used to measure the effect of the Anger Control Training. To assess psychomotor training, heart rate and skin conductance will be measured. In addition, neurocognitive tasks will be conducted to examine how responders and non-responders profiles relate to forms and correlates of aggressive behaviour.

## **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

This study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the modules 'Anger control training' enriched with psychomotor therapy and 'Social Skills training' of the Aggression Replacement Training of Goldstein (ART) on aggression regulation disorder in a forensic psychiatric outpatient setting. In addition, we aim to compare the profiles of treatment responders and non-responders in relation to contemporary dichotomized forms and correlates of aggressive behaviour (i.e. proactive versus reactive). Patients will be randomly assigned to an ART-intervention group and a control group. The intervention group receives 10 sessions of ART over a period of 10 weeks. Every week, the participants receive one session. The control group receives over the same period mentalization-based treatment (MBT) based on improving the secure attachment and the ability to metalize and not directly focused on training of aggression regulation disorder and training of social skills. Pretreatment, during treatment and post treatment measurements will be conducted on i.a. aggression, social skills, impulsivity, social information processing.

#### Study objective

Inappropriate aggressive behavior poses a great burden on society and is the main reason for referral to a forensic psychiatric setting. Although behavioral therapy like Aggression Replacement Training (ART) has been shown to be effective in the treatment of aggressive behavior in adolescents, little is known about the effectiveness in adults. In addition, the efficacy of these interventions for aggression need to be examined in relation to specific types of aggressive behaviors (i.e. reactive vs. proactive).

#### Study design

The pre-screening, screening and baseline measurement will take place a month before the training starts.

During the training questionnaires will be filled in at week 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

The follow-up measurement will take place in the month after the training.

#### Intervention

The two modules 'Anger Control' enriched with psychomotor therapy and 'Social skills' of

Aggression Replacement Training of Goldstein (ART) (Goldstein, Glick & Gibbs, 1998) aims to reduce the risk of recidivism of violent crimes with a pattern of reactive, interpersonal aggression. ART is a multimodal cognitive behavioural therapy and consists of three modules; social skills training, anger control training and psychomotor therapy. During the 10 sessions in 10 to 11 weeks, ART is implemented by two aggression replacement trainers who practice examples of 'daily life situations' with the trainees. The control group receives over the same period mentalization-based treatment based on improving the secure attachment and the ability to metalize and not directly focused on training of aggression regulation disorder and training of social skills.

After the control group has completed this research, they will receive the ART. This data will not be collected.

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## **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

- 1. Age 18-55 years;
- 2. Men and women;
- 3. Outpatient;

- 4. Meeting DSM-IV criteria for Intermittent Explosive Disorder;
- 5. Score on Overt Aggression Scale-Modified for Outpatient Use (MOAS) of  $\geq$  15 or score on Social Dysfucntion and Aggression Scale (SDAS) of  $\geq$  5.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. IQ < 84;
- 2. Lifetime history of (hypo)mania, schizophrenia, or delusional disorder;
- 3. Current major depression;
- 4. Current alcohol or substance dependence.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 28-06-2012

Enrollment: 66

Type: Anticipated

# **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 30-11-2011

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

ID: 35485

Bron: ToetsingOnline

Titel:

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL3021 NTR-old NTR3169

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# **Study results**

#### **Summary results**

N/A