

# On the relationship between brain structure and oscillatory activity in ADHD children

No registrations found.

<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON27284

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

SHARK2

### Health condition

ADHD

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Donders Institute Nijmegen

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Marie Slodowska Curie

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- oscillatory power modulation during attentional performance
- DTI measures - FA and volume of major tracts associated with dopaminergic signaling (focus

on Superior Longitudinal Fasciculus)  
- striatal brain volume

## Secondary outcome

na

# Study description

## Background summary

Within the domain of spatial attention, it has been shown that changes in neuronal synchronization are fundamental to implement the mechanisms required for selective gating. Specifically, modulations in both the alpha (8-13Hz) and gamma band (30-90Hz) are predictive of performance in spatial attention tasks. Studies have reported that patients with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity

Disorder (ADHD) show a reduced ability to modulate alpha band oscillations during covert attention, when compared to controls<sup>5</sup>. Stimulant medications (e.g. Methylphenidate) often provide effective treatment for ADHD symptoms, while little is known about the neuronal mechanisms by which they exert their effect. Given the role of neuronal oscillatory modulations in attentional performance, pharmacological intervention is expected to normalize the eventual differences in alpha and gamma band synchronization between ADHD patients and healthy subjects. Furthermore, investigation of anatomical differences between the two groups is performed to identify the brain structures responsible for top-down attentional modulation.

## Study objective

Within the domain of spatial attention, it has been shown that changes in neuronal synchronization are fundamental to implement the mechanisms required for selective gating. Specifically, modulations in the alpha (8-13Hz) and gamma band (30-90Hz) are predictive of performance in spatial attention tasks. Studies have reported that patients with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) show a reduced ability to modulate alpha and gamma band oscillations during covert attention, when compared to controls. In addition, power modulation in the beta (15-30Hz) and Mu (9-11Hz) frequency bands, have also been shown to differ between controls and ADHD, hence indexing aberrant stimulus processing and motor activity. Stimulant medications (e.g. Methylphenidate) often provide effective treatment for ADHD symptoms, while little is known about the neuronal mechanisms by which they exert their effect. Given the role of neuronal oscillatory modulations in attentional performance, pharmacological intervention is expected to normalize the eventual differences in brain oscillations between ADHD patients and healthy subjects. Furthermore, investigation of anatomical differences between the two groups is performed to identify the brain structures responsible for top-down attentional modulation.

## Study design

- variables measured during experiment

for ADHD, MEG and MRI data measured on and off (placebo) medication (1 week between two recordings)

## Intervention

on/off medication (placebo / active medication(methykphenidate)) for the ADHD group.  
no intervention for control group.

## Contacts

### Public

Donders Institute  
C Mazzetti  
Kapittelweg 29

Nijmegen 6525EN  
The Netherlands  
+41 779383973

### Scientific

Donders Institute  
C Mazzetti  
Kapittelweg 29

Nijmegen 6525EN  
The Netherlands  
+41 779383973

## Eligibility criteria

### Inclusion criteria

controls

- 8-12 years old

- male

- no psychiatric disorder
- IQ >80

## ADHD

- diagnosis of ADHD (DSM IV)
- score in clinical range of ADHD rating scale
- Pharmacological treatment with Stimulant medication for the treatment of ADHD (either long- or shortacting formulations), which started at least 3 months before the inclusion in the study.

## Exclusion criteria

- (1) Neurological disorders (e.g. epilepsy) currently or in the past.
- (2) Cardiovascular disease currently or in the past.
- (3) Serious motor or perceptual handicap.
- (4) Standard MRI Exclusion criteria according to DCCN regulations.

The presence of comorbid symptoms will be documented: for the control group, by scores for problem behaviours on the Childhood Behavior Checklist (CBCL) , completed by the parents; For the ADHD group a psychiatrist from the Karakter Instituut will perform a clinical evaluation assessing eventual comorbidities.

## Study design

### Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Intervention model:	Crossover
Allocation:	Randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Double blinded (masking used)
Control:	Placebo

## Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	01-09-2016
Enrollment:	60
Type:	Actual

## IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** Undecided

## Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	20-02-2017
Application type:	First submission

## Study registrations

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

ID: 43451  
Bron: ToetsingOnline  
Titel:

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

No registrations found.

### In other registers

**Register**

NTR-new

NTR-old

CCMO

OMON

**ID**

NL6157

NTR6304

NL56007.091.15

NL-OMON43451

**Study results**