

# Thin Bizzy: A pilotstudy of a multimodal treatmentprogram for children with ADHD who are overweight

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Developmental disorders NEC
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON38770

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Thin Bizzy

### Condition

- Developmental disorders NEC

### Synonym

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) & overweight

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Stichting Yulius

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** ADHD netwerk en De Gezonde Regio

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), children, intervention, overweight

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Primary study parameter in this study is BMI.

### Secondary outcome

Secondary parameters are ADHD symptoms, self-efficacy, quality of life.

## Study description

### Background summary

Children with the combination ADHD and overweight are largely neglected in the clinical practice. Most practitioners have the assumption that children with ADHD are physically more active compared to children without this developmental disorder, and as a result have a normal weight. However, recent studies indicate that a third of the children with ADHD are at enhanced risk for being overweight (Holtkamp et al., 2004; Curtin, Bandini, Perrin, Tybor, & Must, 2005; Fliers et al., submitted). The current treatments for children with ADHD and overweight are limited and not filling in with the needs of these children.

### Study objective

In this research, a new, complementary treatment for children with ADHD and overweight is studied, which combines regular ADHD treatment with a lifestyle intervention focussed on healthy diet, exercise and sleep routines. This intervention can have an enduring effect on weight loss. We expect decreasing ADHD symptoms and that quality of life and healthy lifestyle self-efficacy of the child are enhanced. Involvement and self-efficacy of the families are enhanced by individual home coaching. In addition, this enhances an enduring change in lifestyle. First results regarding the effectiveness of this intervention are studied in this pilot study.

### Study design

The design of this pilot study consists of an open, pre-post treatment design with a follow-up, without control group. All children involved in the study

will receive the intervention.

## **Intervention**

The intervention consists of a 12 week exercise and diet program. In addition, lifestyle intervention at home is provided. During the intervention, children exercise three times a week, under supervision of a coach. Furthermore, a diet is provided which is fitted for their personal weightloss goal.

## **Study burden and risks**

### Measures

No risks are expected for the children participating in the study. The children fill out questionnaires for approximately 80 minutes at three time points (T0, T1, and T2). To measure the physical condition of the children, weight, length and bloodpressure of the child is measured during T0, T1, T2 and two times during the intervention. Before the intervention starts, the children perform a fitness test on a treadmill. In addition, children fill out a list of what they ate each day for two weeks (one week before T0, and one week before T1). This will take the child approximately 10 minutes a day which makes a total of 140 minutes.

### Intervention

During the intervention, the child will exercise 135 minutes each week, which makes a total of 27 hours of exercise during the intervention. The lifestyle coaching will last 45 minutes, 9 times in total, which makes a total of 6 hours and 45 minutes. The intake appointment with the dietist will take 45 minutes.

Expected gains are weightloss, enhanced self-efficacy and enhanced feelings of physical and mental wellbeing.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Age**

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Children (2-11 years)

### **Inclusion criteria**

1. All children included in the study will be from 10 to 16 years of age.
2. Overweight is defined as a BMI score above the Cole and colleagues (2000) cut-off scores according to the child's age and sex.
3. All children must have an official DSM-IV ADHD diagnose (all subtypes).
4. All children need to be stable on ADHD treatment, this can include pharmacological and/or psychological, for at least two months prior to start of the intervention. It is important that participants continue this treatment throughout the intervention period and between measurement moments.
5. Minimum total intelligence score must be 70. If the total intelligence score is not known, has been established by a non-COTAN approved test or has been performed more than two years previous to the start of the intervention, total intelligence score will be established using two subtests of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children third version (WISC-III-NL; Wechsler, 2005).
6. Both children and at least one of the parents/legal guardians must have a reasonable understanding of the Dutch language.
7. Children can only be included after a written informed consent has been signed by both parents or legal guardians. It is important that parents understand the information and are able to fill out the consent form. Children older than twelve year olds have to give their own written informed consent in addition to their parents/legal guardians.

### **Exclusion criteria**

1. Because severe physical or cognitive disabilities may cause problems for the standardized

measures, excersize and the dietplan, children with specific intolerances or allergies for nutricions are excluded. The diet is specifically focussed on decreasing the colarie intake and eating healthy, therefore children with protein allergies, gluten allergies or lactose intolerance are excluded. Examples of other physical or cognitive problems in children are instable Diabetes Mellitus Type I, instable epileptic, congenital heart conditions or severe sensoric disabilities.

2. Children with genetic heart conditions who are not able to sport maximal and children with acute epilepsy are excluded

3. Furthermore, children who are addicted to drugs, alcohol or have severe acute psychotic disorder will be excluded.

4. Children and adolescents with Axis 1 problems will be excluded.

5. Children and adolescents with eating disorders such as anorexia nervos, boulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder will be excluded.

6. Children with a BMI score above a score of 40 are not included, they need more medical attention then can be provided through this intervention.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 31-10-2013

Enrollment: 30

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 03-07-2013

Application type: First submission

Review commission: TWOR: Toetsingscommissie Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

## 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	NL44114.101.13

## Study results

Date completed:	25-11-2015
Actual enrolment:	22