# Treatments for auditory verbal hallucinations in patients with borderline personality disorder: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for hearing voices (CBT) and treatment with Flupentixol

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Ethical reviewNot approvedStatusWill not startHealth condition typeOther condition

**Study type** Observational non invasive

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON48446

#### Source

ToetsingOnline

#### **Brief title**

CBT and Flupentixol for AVH in BPD

## **Condition**

- Other condition
- Personality disorders and disturbances in behaviour

## **Synonym**

Borderline personality disorder, Borderline. Auditory verbal hallucinations, hearing voices

#### **Health condition**

Auditieve verbale hallucinaties

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## Research involving

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Parnassia (Den Haag)

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: NWO

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Antipsychotics, Auditory verbal hallucinations, Borderline personality disorder, Cognitive behavioural therapy

## **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

Primary outcome measure: AVH-related items of the Psychotic Symptom Rating Scales.

## **Secondary outcome**

Secondary outcome measures: Voice Power Differential scale (VPDS), Visual

Analogue Scale (2 items severity

malevolence and omnipotence of the voices), Korte Klachten Lijst, Brief State

Paranoia checklist and the Sheehan

Disability Scale. These data will be collected once a week during the baseline,

intervention and follow-up period.

Furthermore for CBT, the Beliefs About Voices Questionnaire (BAVQ) and the

Social Comparison Rating Scale to voices

(SCRS) will be looked at.

In case of flupentixol treatment: Subjects Reaction to Antipsychotics will be assessed three times.

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# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

Auditory verbal hallucinations (AVH) are prevalent in patients with borderline personality disorder (BPD) and are associated with distress and severe consequences such as suicide attempts and hospitalization.

## **Study objective**

The aim of the study is to observe the changes in severity of AVH symptoms during standard treatment of CBT or antipsychotics in patients with BPD.

## Study design

Multiple Baseline case series design. Patients complete questionnaires weekly before, during and (only in case of CBT) after treatment for hearing voices. Treatment is either CBT for hearing voices or treatment with flupentixol. Patients choose which treatment they get. The baseline period, i.e. the amount of weeks patients will fill out questionnaires before the treatment is determined by lottery.

## Study burden and risks

No risks are expected due to the data collection. The observed treatments are standard treatments, therefore risks are estimated as low. Flupentixol will be prescribed according to the Parnassia Groep guidelines. Flupentixol administration can be accompanied with side-effects such as weight gain, mood symptoms, movement disorders and sleeping problems. CBT for voices will be according to the protocols provided for this treatment (www.gedachtenuitpluizen.nl)

Benefits of participation are possible relieve of symptoms, contribution to knowledge about treatment and improving quality of treatments.

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## **Trial sites**

## **Listed location countries**

**Netherlands** 

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

Age 18 years or older, BPD confirmed with the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV Axis II Personality Disorders (SCID II), AVH occurring at least daily, and written informed consent for participation into this study from the patient.

## **Exclusion criteria**

Pregnancy and schizophrenia spectrum disorders, except for 1. Brief psychotic disorder with hallucinations, and 2. Other specific or nonspecific schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorder in case of persistent auditory hallucinations.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study phase: 4

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

## Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 26

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Not approved

Date: 08-10-2019

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Leiden-Den Haag-Delft (Leiden)

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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

No registrations found.

# In other registers

Register ID

CCMO NL69811.058.19