

# Efficacy of psychoeducation in the treatment of unipolar depression

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Study information

**Scientific Title**

Efficacy of psychoeducation in the treatment of unipolar depression: a multicentric randomised controlled trial

**Study objectives**

Psychoeducation combined with treatment as usual leads to a greater reduction in depressive symptoms as measured by the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) and Hamilton Depression Scale (HAM-D), and greater increase of subjective perception of the quality of life as measured by the Manchester Quality of Life Scale (MANSA) in subjects diagnosed with unipolar depression, than treatment as usual alone.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

University Clinical Centre of Sarajevo Ethics Committee approved on the 21st March 2008

**Study design**

Interventional opened multicentric randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)**

Hospital

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Participant information sheet**

Only available to recruiting centres

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Unipolar depression in adults

**Interventions**

The subjects in the experimental group will receive an 8-week course on psychoeducation based on Lewinsohn's Coping With Depression Course combined with treatment as usual (TAU). The subjects in the control group will receive TAU only.

Assessments will be made with the use of standardised psychometric instruments:

1. International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI 5.00)
2. Mini Mental State Exam (MMSE)
3. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI)
4. Hamilton Depression Scale (HAM-D)
5. Manchester Quality of Life Scale (MANSA)
6. Socio-demographic questionnaire (specially designed for this study)

Assessments will be performed before the intervention, after the intervention and in 6 and 12 months follow-up. The study will adhere with the methodology of a randomised controlled trial.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

To assess possible changes in the total score on Beck Depression Inventory scale (BDI), and Hamilton Depression Scale (HAM-D), between the subjects who received psychoeducation and treatment as usual and the subjects who received only treatment as usual, after a 12 week course of psychoeducation, and in 9 months follow-up.

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. To assess possible changes in the total score on Manchester Quality of Life Scale (MANSA) between the subjects who received psychoeducation and treatment as usual and the subjects who received only treatment as usual, after a 12 week course of psychoeducation and in 9 months follow-up
2. To assess possible differences in types of mental health services received between the two groups in 9 months follow-up

**Overall study start date**

01/05/2009

**Completion date**

01/05/2010

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adult subjects aged 18 to 65 years, either sex
2. Diagnosis of unipolar depression (F 32.0-2, F 33.0-2)
3. Not due to a medical condition (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition [DSM IV] Axis V = 0)
4. No other Axis I co-morbid psychiatric disorder
5. Duration of symptoms not less than 3 months
6. Able to read and write (8 years formal education)
7. Subjects who sign the informed consent to participate in the study

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

120

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Refused to sign informed consent
2. Illiterate
3. Deaf or hearing impaired
4. Serious speech impairment or mutism
5. Duration of symptoms less than three months
6. Symptoms of psychotic depression
7. History of a manic or hypo-manic episode
8. Cognitive impairment (mini Mental State Examination [MMSE] greater than or equal to 25)
9. Co-morbid anxiety disorder
10. Organic affective disorder
11. Depression caused by an underlying medical condition
12. Co-morbid personality disorder
13. Alcohol and preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) abuse and dependence
14. Subjects who are currently involved in other research
15. Pregnancy
16. Epilepsy
17. Subjects whose present condition requires psychiatric hospitalisation
18. Suicidality

**Date of first enrolment**

01/05/2009

**Date of final enrolment**

01/05/2010

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**ROR**

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Government

**Funder Name**

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**Results and Publications****Publication and dissemination plan**

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**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

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