

# Quetiapine versus sertraline as the pharmacological component in a standardised psychopharmacological and psychotherapeutic treatment of borderline personality disorder: a randomised, rater-blinded study

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Secondary identifying numbers

## Study information

### Scientific Title

### Acronym

QuBor Study

### Study objectives

The objective of this randomised, rater blinded study is to compare the efficacy of two currently frequently used substances, the Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRI) sertraline and the atypical neuroleptic quetiapine, in the treatment of borderline personality disorder. It is the hypothesis of this study that the atypical neuroleptic quetiapine favorably affects a broader spectrum of the borderline psychopathology than sertraline. The pharmacotherapy should be accompanied by psychotherapy that is based on the dialectical behavior therapy of Linehan. This study will contribute to optimising the medication therapy of borderline personality disorder with respect to efficiency and clarity.

The hypothesis regarding the efficacy comparison of quetiapine and sertraline is that quetiapine is significantly superior to treatment with SSRIs in the therapy of the following target symptoms: impulsivity, aggressiveness, self-inflicted injuries/self-harming and suicidal behavior.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval is pending from the University of Duesseldorf.

### Study design

Randomised, rater-blinded trial.

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

Not specified

### Study type(s)

Treatment

### Participant information sheet

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

Borderline Personality Disorder

## **Interventions**

Intervention group one: Quetiapin 50-800 mg per day orally over 24 weeks.

Intervention group two: Sertralin 25-200 mg per day orally also over 24 weeks.

## **Intervention Type**

Drug

## **Phase**

Not Specified

## **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Quetiapine and sertraline

## **Primary outcome measure**

The primary assessment instrument will be the Symptom Check List 90 (SCL-90R) and the primary outcome parameter will be the anger/hostility subscale of the SCL-90R.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Severity of affective symptoms
2. Anxiety and depressive symptoms
3. Psychotic or psychosis-like symptoms
4. Interpersonal problems
5. Duration of hospitalisation
6. Co-medication

## **Overall study start date**

01/10/2006

## **Completion date**

15/03/2009

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Borderline personality disorder according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV)
2. At least 18 years of age
3. Voluntary legal basis
4. Female
5. Written informed consent before entering the study
6. No relevant abnormalities in Electrocardiogram (ECG) and laboratory tests

## **Participant type(s)**

Patient

## **Age group**

Adult

## **Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

54

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Lifetime diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder according to DSM IV
2. Lifetime diagnosis of bipolar disorder according to DSM IV
3. Current severe major depressive episode according to DSM IV
4. Current severe somatic illness
5. Current psychotic disorder due to substance disorder or a general medical condition
6. Use of drugs that induce or inhibit the metabolising cytochrome 3A4 enzymes within two weeks prior to week zero and during the course of the study (e.g. inducers: phenytoin, carbamazepin, phenobarbital, rifampin, rifabutin, glucocorticoids, thioridazine and St. John's wort and inhibitors: ketokonazole [except for topical use], itraconazole, fluconazole, erythromycin, fluvoxamin, nefadozone, troleandomycin, indinavir, nelfinavir, ritonavir and saquinavir)

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

15/03/2009

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

Germany

**Study participating centre**

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

University of Duesseldorf (Germany)

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University/education

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**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/024z2rq82>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**  
Industry

**Funder Name**  
AstraZeneca

**Alternative Name(s)**  
AstraZeneca PLC, Pearl Therapeutics

**Funding Body Type**  
Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**  
For-profit companies (industry)

**Location**  
United Kingdom

## **Results and Publications**

**Publication and dissemination plan**  
Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**  
Not provided at time of registration

