# Rumination-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for residual depression

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered		
11/03/2011	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol		
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan		
15/04/2011	Completed	[X] Results		
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data		
15/04/2011	Mental and Behavioural Disorders			

#### Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Scientific

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**EudraCT/CTIS** number

**IRAS** number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

Secondary identifying numbers

N/A

# Study information

#### Scientific Title

Rumination-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for residual depression: a pilot randomised controlled trial

#### Acronym

**RFCBT** 

#### Study objectives

The addition of rumination-focused CBT to standard clinical management and antidepressant medication (CM + ADM) for residual depression will produce significantly greater reduction in rumination and symptoms of depression than CM + ADM alone.

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

North and East Devon REC approved on 18th November 2003 (REC ref no : 2003/11/222)

#### Study design

Multi-site randomised controlled adjunctive trial

#### Primary study design

Interventional

#### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

#### Study setting(s)

Other

#### Study type(s)

**Treatment** 

#### Participant information sheet

Not available in the web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

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

Residual treatment-resistant depression

#### **Interventions**

Intervention: Rumination-focused cognitive-behavioural therapy (RFCBT) as ajdunct to treatment-as-usual. RFCBT is a manualised CBT treatment, consisting of up to 12 individual 60 minute sessions scheduled weekly or fortnightly. RFCBT is theoretically informed by experimental research indicating that there are distinct constructive and unconstructive forms of rumination. It is designed to coach patients to shift from unconstructive rumination to

constructive rumination, through the use of functional analysis, experiential/imagery exercises and behavioural experiments. As such, RFCBT incorporates the functional-analytic and contextual principles and techniques of Behavioural Activation (BA), but focused on rumination

Control: treatment-as-usual (TAU). TAU consisted of ongoing maintenance antidepressant medication and outpatient clinical management across the same 5 months time period of the combined treatment.

#### Intervention Type

Other

#### **Phase**

Not Applicable

#### Primary outcome measure

- 1. Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HRSD)
- 2. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-II)

#### Secondary outcome measures

- 1. The Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID) to assess diagnostic status for major depression
- 2. Ruminative Response Scale of the Response Styles Questionnaire (RRS) to assess rumination

#### Overall study start date

01/09/2004

#### Completion date

31/12/2007

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Aged >18
- 2. Meeting criteria for medication-refractory residual depression defined as:
- 2.1. Meeting Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition (DSM-IV) criteria for major depression within the last 18 months but not in the last 2 months
- 2.2. Residual symptoms reaching at least 8 on the 17-item Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HRSD) and 9 on the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-II)
- 2.3. Taking antidepressant medication at a therapeutic dose as recommended by the British National Formulary and/or equivalent to 125mg of amitriptyline for at least 8 weeks continuously during the current episode and within the last 2 months

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group

Adult

#### Lower age limit

18 Years

#### Sex

Both

#### Target number of participants

42

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. A history of bipolar disorder, psychosis
- 2. Current drug or alcohol dependence
- 3. Learning disability
- 4. Organic brain damage
- 5. Concurrent psychotherapy at point of entry to the study

There were no exclusion criteria with respect to co-morbid anxiety disorders or Axis II diagnosis

#### Date of first enrolment

01/09/2004

#### Date of final enrolment

31/12/2007

## Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

England

**United Kingdom** 

#### Study participating centre Mood Disorders Centre

Exeter United Kingdom EX4 4QG

# Sponsor information

#### Organisation

University of Exeter (UK)

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### Sponsor type

University/education

#### Website

http://www.exeter.ac.uk

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/03yghzc09

# Funder(s)

#### Funder type

Charity

#### Funder Name

NARSAD (National Alliance for Research into Schizophrenia and Depression) (USA)

# **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

# **Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/09/2007		Yes	No