Efficacy and tolerability of ziprasidone versus clozapine in the treatment of dually diagnosed (DD-) patients with schizophrenia and cannabis use disorder: a randomised study

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

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Study objectives

Nearly 50% of schizophrenic patients fulfill the criteria of a coexisting substance abuse /dependence. Cannabis is the number one within the illicit drugs. It is shown that cannabis-abuse is associated with higher rates of relapse, less compliance with the therapy and high rates of suicidal behaviour.

Hypothesis:

Patients with schizophrenia and cannabis abuse/dependency who are randomised to ziprasidone (ziprasidone group) do not use cannabis more frequently and/or more heavily than patients who are randomised to clozapine (clozapine group).

Ethics approval required Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s) The study received approval from the Ethics Committee on 01/12/2005.

Study design Open, randomised, controlled study

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 Schizophrenia

Interventions

Patients will be randomised to either the ziprasidone or clozapine group. After 3, 6 and 12 months, we evaluate the possible effects on the course of schizophrenia and the consumption of cannabis. Moreover, all patients will get psychiatric/psychotherapeutic and sociorehabilitative elements.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Ziprasidone, Clozapine

Primary outcome measure

- 1. Amount of cannabis consumption 12 months after inclusion in the study
- 2. Less side effects in ziprasidone group
- 3. After 12 months:
- 3.1. Better compliance in ziprasidone group
- 3.2. Better course of schizophrenia within the ziprasidone group

Secondary outcome measures

- 1. Amount of cannabis consumption 3 and 6 months after inclusion in the study
- 2. Others compared with primary outcomes just to 3 and 6 months

Overall study start date

01/01/2006

Completion date

01/01/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Patients with schizophrenia, schizophreniform or schizoaffective disorder according to Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) (295.xx) and International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems - tenth revision (ICD-10) (F20, F23.2, F25) as well as cannabis abuse or dependence according to DSM-IV (305.20, 304.30) and ICD-10 (F12.1, 12.2)

2. Capable of giving written informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Age group Adult

Sex Both

Target number of participants

50 patients (25 ziprasidone; 25 Clozapine)

Total final enrolment

30

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Other relevant neuropsychiatric disorders
- 2. Prominent (acute) positive symptoms at the timepoint of inclusion
- 3. Previous treatments with ziprasidone or clozapine with significant side effects
- 4. No availability of a family member or significant other for the collateral interviews of the follow-up evaluation

5. No compliance with the requirements of the study/lack of or questionable capability of giving informed consent

Date of first enrolment 01/01/2006

Date of final enrolment

01/01/2009

Locations

Countries of recruitment Germany

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Funder(s)

Funder type Industry

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Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Details

IPD sharing plan summary Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

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