

# Mediators and moderators of cognitive behavioral therapy for childhood anxiety disorders: information processing, emotion regulation and stress reactivity

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

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## Study objectives

1. Changes in outcome measures of anxiety can be partly explained by changes in:
  - a. self-reported thoughts
  - b. selective attention and by changes in fear relevant cognitive schema's
2. Changes in outcome measures of anxiety can be partly explained by changes in:
  - a. self-reported emotion regulation strategies
  - b. processes of attention regulation and by changes in underlying schema's of 'perceived control'
3. Effortful control will moderate the treatment effect
4. Executive functions will moderate the relation between mediators and the treatment effect. The treatment effect will be larger when executive functions are more developed
5. Stress-reactivity will moderate the treatment effect
6. Stress-reactivity is a vulnerability factor for developing an anxiety disorder and is an effect of an anxiety disorder
7. Part of the variance in treatment effect can be explained by family characteristics (parents psychopathology and parenting style) and characteristics of the therapist

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the local medical ethics committee

## Study design

Randomised controlled 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

Anxiety disorders

## **Interventions**

Group one: 12 sessions of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) according to the Coping Cat manual.

Four measure points: before therapy, after eight sessions, after therapy and after 12 week follow-up period.

Group two: Eight week Waiting List (WL) group. Children will receive the same therapy as group one after the waiting period.

Five measure points: before waiting list, before therapy, after eight sessions of therapy, after therapy and after 12 week follow-up period

## **Intervention Type**

Other

## **Phase**

Not Specified

## **Primary outcome measure**

1. Effect of treatment (diagnosis of anxiety disorder and scores on anxiety questionnaires)
2. Mediating effect of information processing
3. Mediating effect of emotion regulation
4. Moderating effect of effortful control, executive functions and stress-reactivity

## **Secondary outcome measures**

1. Correlation between explicit and implicit measures
2. Development of implicit measures

## **Overall study start date**

01/09/2006

## **Completion date**

01/09/2008

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) anxiety disorder as primary diagnosis
2. Age between seven and 18 years
3. Intelligence Quotient (IQ) more than or equal to 80
4. Informed consent from parents and child

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Age group**

Child

### **Lower age limit**

7 Years

**Upper age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

120

**Total final enrolment**

145

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Psychosis
2. Obsessive compulsive disorder as primary disorder
3. Post-traumatic stress disorder as primary disorder
4. Acute stress disorder
5. Drug and/or alcohol problems
6. Selective mutism
7. Current treatment with Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI) or treatment with SSRI within half a year before inclusion
8. Psychotherapeutic treatment within the last half year

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

01/09/2008

**Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

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<https://www.amc.nl/web/Zorg.htm>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

**Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

University/education

**Funder Name**

Universiteit van Amsterdam

**Alternative Name(s)**

University of Amsterdam, UvA

**Funding Body Type**

Government organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Universities (academic only)

**Location**

Netherlands

**Funder Name**

Accare (The Netherlands)

**Alternative Name(s)**

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Other non-profit organizations

**Location**

Netherlands

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Academic Medical Center (AMC) (The Netherlands)

**Alternative Name(s)**

Academic Medical Center, AMC

**Funding Body Type**

Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Universities (academic only)

**Location**

Netherlands

## 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?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/04/2013	06/01/2021	Yes	No