

# Effects of a psychotherapy intervention in depressed patients with coronary artery disease

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

ZKSK-371

## Study information

### Scientific Title

A Stepwise Psychotherapy Intervention for Reducing Risk in Coronary Artery Disease - a randomised controlled trial (SPIRR-CAD)

**Acronym**  
SPIRR-CAD

**Study objectives**

To determine the effects of a psychotherapy intervention on symptoms of depression in depressed patients with coronary artery disease.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics Committee of University of Göttingen, 25/10/2007, ref: 5/10/07

**Study design**

Randomised controlled multi-centre clinical trial with masked evaluation (observer)

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Depressive symptoms in patients with coronary artery disease

**Interventions**

Experimental intervention: Stepwise, manualised individual and group psychotherapy in addition to usual cardiological care. Patients randomised in the intervention group receive 3 sessions of individual psychotherapy (50 minutes per session, 1 session per week). Only those patients with persisting symptoms of depression receive additional 25 sessions of group psychotherapy (90 minutes per session) over 10 months (first 20 sessions on a weekly basis, then 5 sessions once a month).

Control intervention: Usual cardiological care including one psychosocial information session

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Amended as of 24/01/2011:

Changes from baseline to 18 months in depressive symptoms (HADS-D)

Initial information at time of registration:

Changes from baseline to year 1 in depressive symptoms (HADS-D)

**Key secondary outcome(s))**

Amended as of 24/01/2011:

The following will be monitored up to 24 months:

1. Remission of depressive disorder (Structured Clinical Interview [SCID]) at baseline and 18 months
2. Type D pattern, assessed by a self rating questionnaire (DS-14) at baseline, 1, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months
3. Health-related quality of life, evaluated by the self rating questionnaires the 36-item Short Form health survey (SF-36) and EuroQuol-5D at baseline, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months
4. Cardiovascular risk profile
5. Neuroendocrine and immunological activation
6. Coagulation
7. Heart rate variability
8. Cardiac events
9. Health care utilisation and costs

Initial information at time of registration:

The following will be monitored up to 24 months:

1. Remission of depressive disorder (Structured Clinical Interview [SCID]) at baseline and 12 months
2. Type D pattern, assessed by a self rating questionnaire (DS-14) at baseline, 1, 6, 12, and 24 months
3. Health-related quality of life, evaluated by the self rating questionnaires the 36-item Short Form health survey (SF-36) and EuroQuol-5D at baseline, 6, 12, and 24 months
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7. Heart rate variability
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9. Health care utilisation and costs

#### **Completion date**

30/09/2013

## **Eligibility**

#### **Key inclusion criteria**

Amended as of 24/01/2011:

1. Gender: both
2. Minimum age: 18, maximum age: 75
3. Patients with any manifestation of coronary heart disease with recent (less than 3 months old) coronary angiograms and elevated questionnaire scores for depression (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale [HADS] depression subscale greater than or equal to 8)

Initial information at time of registration:

1. Gender: both
2. Minimum age: 18, maximum age: 75
3. Patients hospitalised for any manifestation of coronary heart disease with recent (less than 3 months old) coronary angiograms and elevated questionnaire scores for depression (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale [HADS] depression subscale greater than or equal to 8)

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

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

570

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Severe heart failure or other acutely life-threatening conditions
2. Severe chronic inflammatory disease
3. Current suicidal tendency
4. Severe depressive episode or other severe mental illness

**Date of first enrolment**

01/11/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

30/09/2013

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Germany

**Study participating centre**

**University of Göttingen**

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

University of Göttingen (Germany)

**ROR**

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## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

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German Research Association, German Research Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), DFG

### Funding Body Type

Government organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

National government

### Location

Germany

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Not provided at time of registration

### IPD sharing plan summary

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/07/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/01/2017		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2018		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	gender differences results	01/10/2018		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2019	05/08/2019	Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	Secondary analysis in participants with depression	28/10/2021	12/11/2021	Yes	No

<u>Protocol article</u>	protocol	01/10 /2011	Yes	No	
<u>Other publications</u>	secondary analysis	01/05 /2018	Yes	No	
<u>Other publications</u>	secondary analysis	04/02 /2019	Yes	No	
<u>Participant information sheet</u>	Participant information sheet	11/11 /2025	11/11 /2025	No	Yes