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Title: Disrupting the rhythm of depression: design and protocol of a randomized controlled trial on preventing relapse using brief cognitive therapy with or without antidepressants

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Dear Sir,

Herewith, I would like to submit our paper entitled ‘*Disrupting the rhythm of depression: design of a randomized controlled trial on preventing relapse using brief cognitive therapy with or without antidepressants*’ for consideration for publication in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry (Trial registration number www.trialregister.nl, number: NTR1907, CCMO number: NL24000.097.08). The trial is non-commercial. The trial has been funded by Governmental funding (The Netherlands Association for Health Research and Development: ZON MW, number 171002401, as mentioned in the manuscript under acknowledgements on page 16). We received 261.884 euro for it. The protocol and trial has been approved by the Medical ethical committee. The translated letter has been added to the submission. Please feel free to contact me in case you can not find it (METIGG medical ethical approval). No other manuscripts based on this protocol are submitted to this or other journals. The trial is registered on a trial registry as mentioned in the manuscript: [www.trial.nl](http://www.trial.nl) number: NTR1907.

This manuscript describes the design and protocol of the ‘Disrupting the rhythm of depression’ trial. We sincerely hope that our submission will fall again within the boundaries of the journal’s interest. The manuscript is submitted with the explicit understanding that it is not under simultaneous consideration by any other publication and has not been published before. Moreover, the manuscript has been read and approved by all authors. In the treatment of our subjects we have complied with the ethical standards of the American Psychiatric Association.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the other authors,

Awaiting the comments and suggestions of the reviewers and your editorial decision.
Yours sincerely,

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