



Clinical Application of Pharmacogenetic Testing for the Guidance of Psychiatric Treatments

**Results of a multicentric, retrospective, naturalistic study
(GENEPSI)**

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...but the application of genetic information to permit safer and more efficacious use of drugs”¹



- ✓ FDA has included pharmacogenetic labelling in several psychiatric medications
 - *eg. Aripirazole, Citalopram, Clobazam, Atomoxetine, Fluvoxamine*¹
- ✓ Guidelines from the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium
 - *eg. Guideline on tricyclic dosing according to CYP2C19 and 2D6*²
- ✓ Meta-analyses and findings replicated in >1 independent cohort
 - *eg. 5-HTTLPR in caucasians, BDNF, GRIK4*³



THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ✓ Performing a pharmacogenetic test can affect the attitude of the patient towards post-test treatment regimen:
 - Increased adherence
 - Increased placebo effect

- ✓ This has been shown in patients following statin therapy, should also apply to psychiatric patients¹



THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ✓ Genetic results must be translated into clinical practice
- ✓ Knowledge transfer between laboratory and clinician shown to be poor (Danish study running 2003-2009)¹
- Need to provide drug-specific recommendations together with test results whenever possible
 - *eg.* In 2C19 PMs max. citalopram dose is 20 mg/day, consider reducing amitriptyline starting dose by 50%



THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ✓ Effect of drugs likely to depend on multiple genes
- ✓ Most genes likely to make small contributions

Example: Citalopram

- Dosing and adverse effects depend partially on CYP2C19
- Adverse effects also depend on 5HTTLPR
- Likelihood of good response linked to BDNF, GRIK4, ABCB1

METHODS: TEST IMPLEMENTATION

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Antidepressants

Amitriptyline		Bupropion		Citalopram	
Clomipramine		Desipramine		Desvenlafaxine	Standard
Duloxetine		Escitalopram	Standard	Fluoxetine	
Fluvoxamine		Imipramine		Mirtazapine	Standard
Nortriptyline		Paroxetine		Sertraline	
Trimipramine		Venlafaxine			

Antipsychotics

Aripiprazole		Clozapine		Haloperidol	
Olanzapine	Standard	Paliperidone		Perphenazine	
Pimozide		Quetiapine	Standard	Risperidone	
Ziprasidone	Standard				

Stabilizers and anticonvulsants

Carbamazepine		Clobazam	Standard	Clonazepam	
Lamotrigine	Standard	Levetiracetam	Standard	Lithium	
Lorazepam	Standard	Phenobarbital	Standard	Phenytoin	
Topiramate	Standard	Valproic Acid	Standard	Vigabatrin	Standard

Others

Methadone	Standard	Methylphenidate		Naloxone	Standard
Pramipexol	Standard				

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Anxiolytics		Antipsychotics	
Aripiprazole		Clozapine	
Olanzapine	Standard	Paliperidone	
Pimozide		Quetiapine	
Ziprasidone	Standard		

Aripiprazole

Genes analysed for this drug
CYP2D6

Analysis result

 Poor metabolizer of the drug (CYP2D6)

Recommendation

The analysis indicates that the patient is a CYP2D6 poor metabolizer of this drug. Consider reducing the starting dose to 50%, and proceed to titrate dose in response to efficacy (do not exceed the maximum dose of 10mg/day).

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Lamotrigine	Standard	Levetiracetam	Standard
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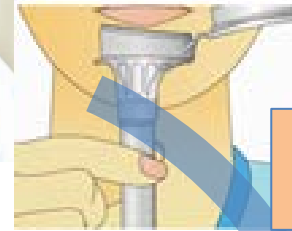
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METHODS: TEST WORKFLOW

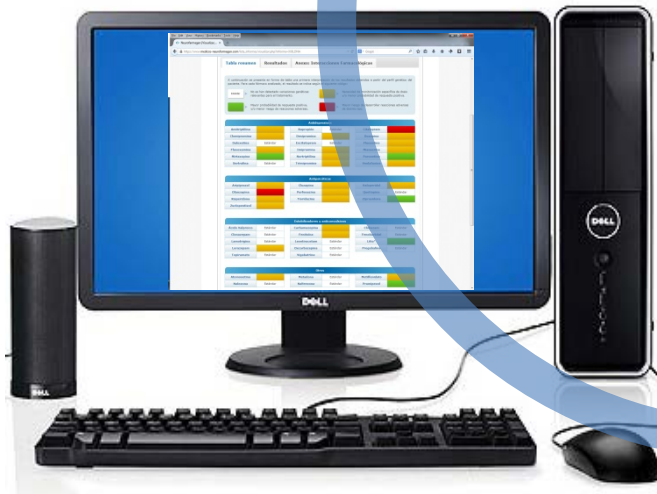


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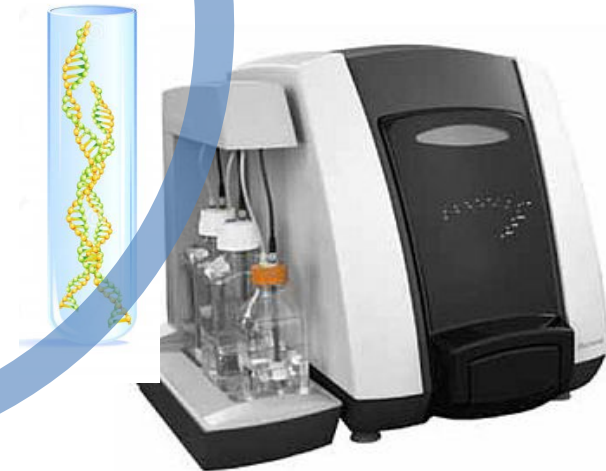


Stable at room temperature

**User-friendly
Pharmacogenetic Report**



DNA Analysis & Interpretation





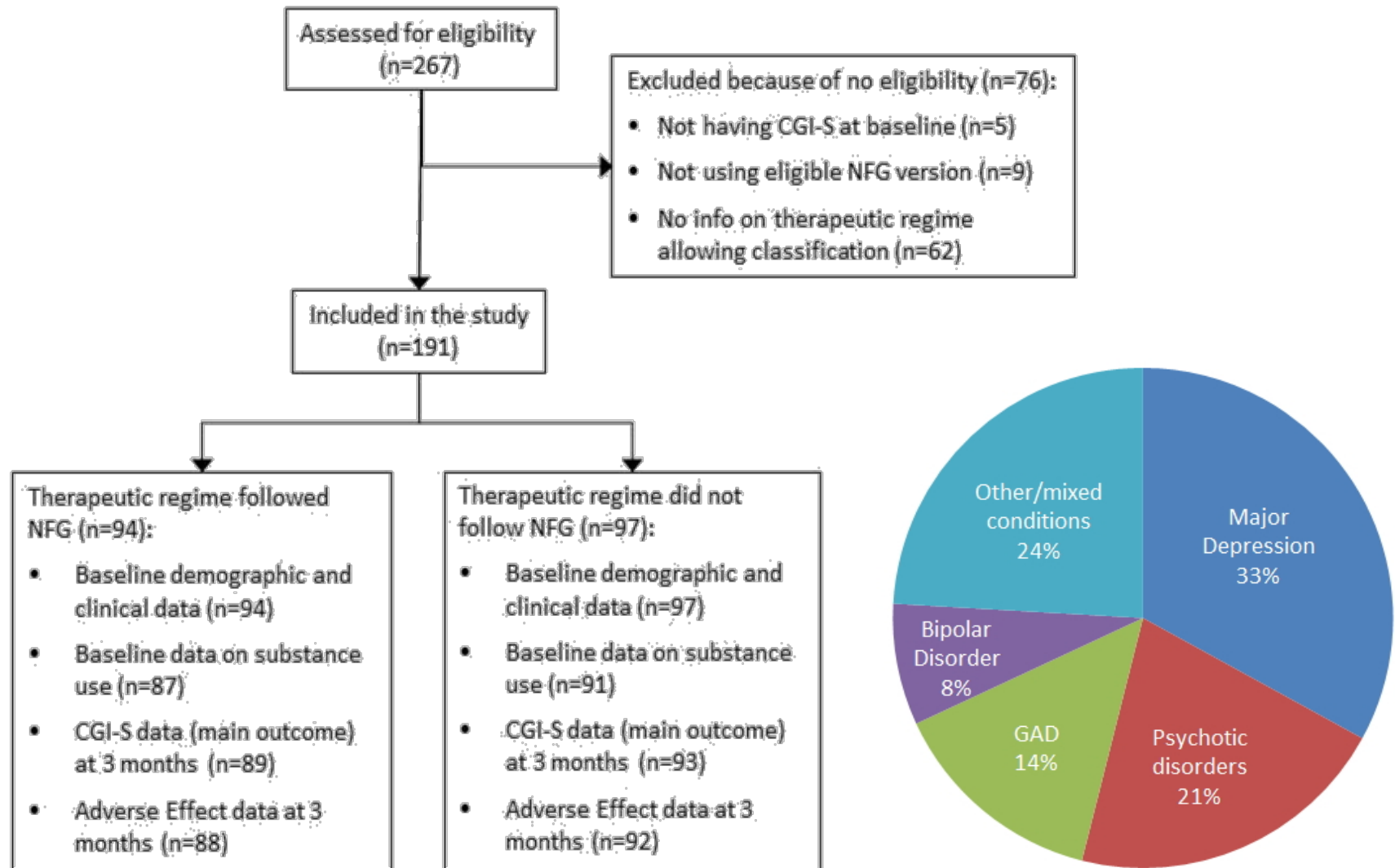
STUDY DESIGN AND RESULTS



- ✓ Study conducted at 3 clinical settings in Madrid (Spain), coordinated by IRB from “Hospital Clínico San Carlos” (Madrid)
- ✓ Naturalistic, retrospective, multi-centric
- ✓ Entry criteria:
 - ≥18 years old, with a psychiatric diagnosis for at least 12 months
 - Already on treatment
 - CGI-S ≥ 3 at baseline
 - Genotyped (to avoid bias due to increased adherence & placebo)



- ✓ Analysis based on the comparison among these two groups:
 1. Patients whose **regime followed the pharmacogenetic test recommendations**
 2. Those whose **regime did not**:
 - Psychiatrist decided a different medication was better suited than the one proposed by the test
 - In polymedicated patients, psychiatrist decided that changing other drugs than the ones recommended by the test was enough
 - Drugs recommended by the test contraindicated or not recommended due to patient's non psychiatric medication/condition





STUDY SAMPLE

	Followed recommendations NFG (N=94)		Do not follow recommendations NFG (N=97)	
Sex (%)				
· Male	38	40,4%	39	40,2%
· Female	56	59,6%	58	59,8%
· Data Missing	0	0,0%	0	0,0%
Age (median, min & max)	48.0	(20 – 83)	44.0	(22 – 89)
Years evolution of current disorder (median, min & max)	13.0	(2 – 60)	13.0	(1 – 51)
CGI-S current disorder (average and SD)	4.32	(0.66)	4.48	(0.77)
Type of current disorder				
· Major depression	32	34,0%	31	32,0%
· Bipolar disorder	9	9,6%	6	6,2%
· Anxiety disorder	15	16,0%	12	12,4%
· Psychotic disorder	13	13,8%	27	27,8%
· Other disorders / mixed	25	26,6%	21	21,6%
· Data Missing	0	0,0%	0	0,0%
Tobacco (%)				
· No	50	53,2%	59	60,8%
· Yes	37	39,4%	32	33,0%
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Alcohol consumption (equiv. to ≥1 glass of wine per day)				
· No	79	84,0%	82	84,5%
· Yes	8	8,5%	9	9,3%
· Data Missing	0	0,0%	0	0,0%
Substance abuse (%)				
· No	80	85,1%	80	82,5%
· Yes	7	7,4%	11	11,3%
· Data Missing	7	7,4%	6	6,2%
Non-psychiatric medication (%)				
· No	71	75,5%	78	80,4%
· Yes	23	24,5%	19	19,6%
· Data Missing	0	0,0%	0	0,0%
Hospitalization (%)				
· No (outpatients)	61	64,9%	65	67,0%
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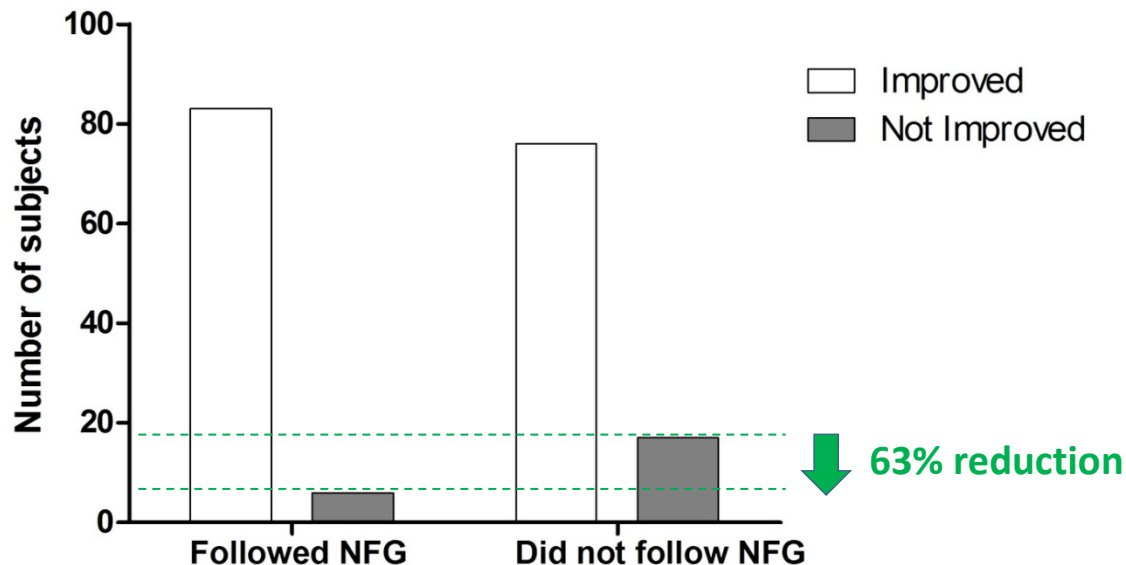
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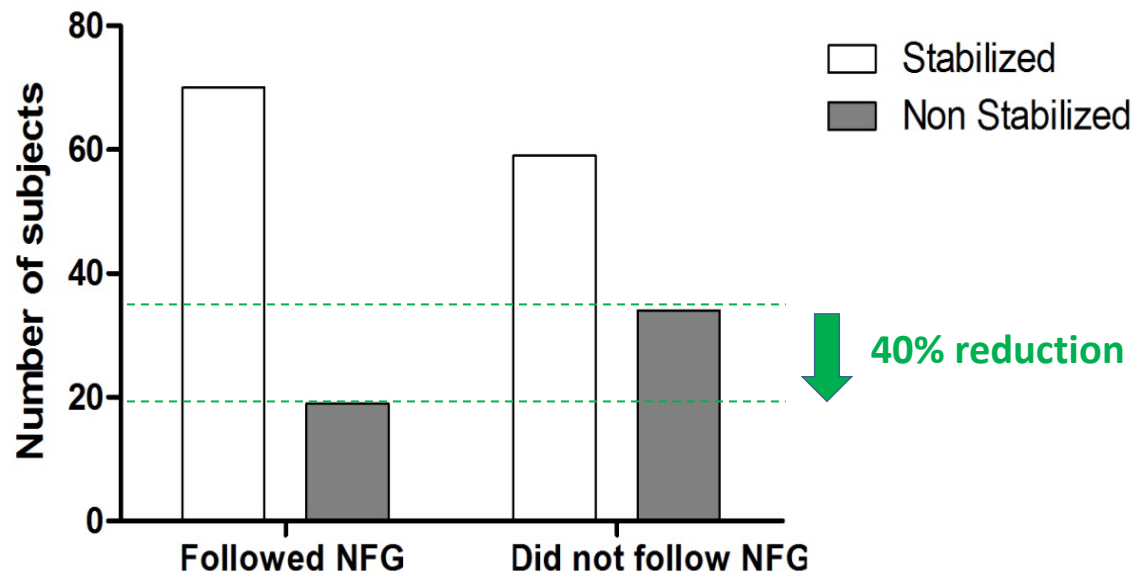
MAIN OUTCOME

- ✓ Number of patients whose condition did not improve decreased 3-fold in the group following NFG (6.7% vs. 18.3%, Chi-square $P = 0.019$)
- ✓ Effect remains significant after adjusting for all baseline variables in a logistic model, **adjusted OR = 3.05** (95%CI: 1.14-8.15)



ADDITIONAL RESULTS

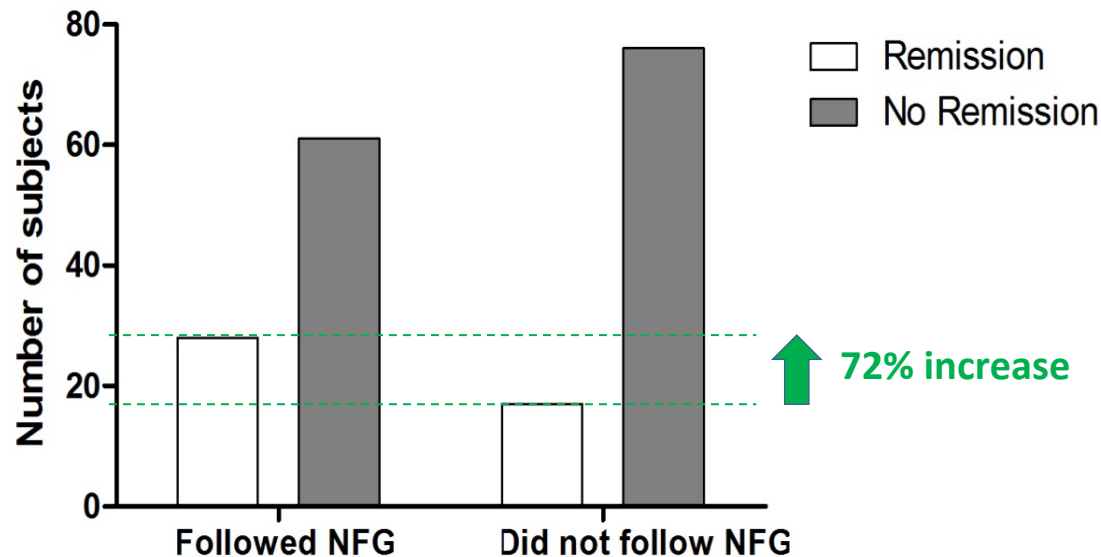
- ✓ Number of patients with $\text{CGI-S}_{t=3} > 3$ reduced almost 2 times in the group following NFG (23% vs. 38%, Chi-square $P = 0.033$)¹
- ✓ Patients with $\text{CGI-S}=3$ at baseline excluded from this analysis (6 patients per group)



1) OR = 2.06 (95%CI: 1.05 – 4.03)

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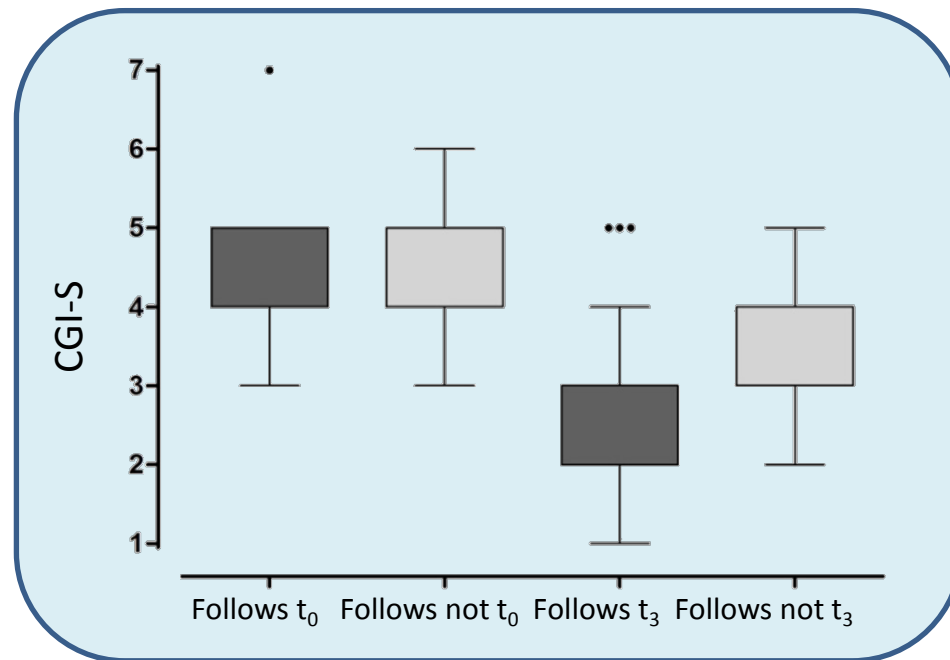
- ✓ Number of patients with $\text{CGI-S}_{t=3} \leq 2$ increased by 72% in the group following NFG (31.5% vs. 18.3%, Chi-square $P = 0.039$)¹



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ADDITIONAL RESULTS

- ✓ Amount of CGI-S score change evaluated against all baseline characteristics
- ✓ Only baseline severity and following recommendations had significant effect (final model $r=0.37$, $P < 0.0001$)





PROSPECTIVE STUDY IN PROGRESS



Title

✓ Randomized, parallel-group controlled clinical trial of the effectiveness of the pharmacogenetic information provided by NEUROPHARMAGEN® in the treatment of patients diagnosed of major depressive disorder (according to DSM-IV).

Protocol version approved by IRB/IEC and Spanish AEMPS V4.0 (includes amendment no. 1, 2 & 3)

Design

- ✓ Randomized, parallel-group controlled prospective study
- ✓ Single-blind study with blinded primary endpoint evaluation
- ✓ n ~ **518** patients included (for approx. 420 randomized)
- ✓ Follow up period: **3 months**
- ✓ Multicentric nationwide study
- ✓ Number of centers: **18 major hospitals** (approx. **30 patients / center**)

Pathology in study

- ✓ Major Depressive Disorder (according to DSM-IV)

Milestones of the study

- ✓ FPFV: July 2014 – LPLV: June 2015

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