

statistical package developed in R, to perform effect size calculations and conversions as well as statistical tests.

Results: In a large-scale analysis of 1,182 participants across 51 primary studies, repeated-dose administration of intravenous ketamine demonstrated statistically significant effects ($p < 0.05$) compared to placebo-controlled as well as other experimental conditions in patients with TRD, as measured by standardized clinician-administered and self-report depression symptom severity scales.

Conclusions: This study provides large-scale, quantitative support for the effectiveness of intravenous, repeated-dose ketamine as a therapy for TRD and a report of the relative effectiveness of several treatment parameters across a large and rapidly growing literature. Future investigations should use similar analytic tools to examine evidence-stratified conditions and the comparative effectiveness of other routes of administration and treatment schedules as well as the moderating influence of other clinical and demographic variables on the effectiveness of ketamine on TRD and suicidal ideation and behavior.

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Psychosurgery and Stimulation Methods (ECT, TMS, VNS, DBS)

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Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT): A Scotland Wide Naturalistic Study of 4,826 treatment episodes

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Introduction: Despite its apparent efficacy in the treatment of a range of psychiatric disorders, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) is viewed by some as a contentious treatment. Although most clinicians and researchers consider ECT a safe and effective treatment, there are ongoing and significantly publicised concerns about potential side effects.

Objectives: To explore use of ECT across Scotland in a large naturalistic clinical sample across an 11-year period from 2009 to 2019. To consider the efficacy and side effects of ECT for a range of common psychiatric disorders including, depression, bipolar depression, schizophrenia, and mania.

Methods: Using data from the Scottish Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) Accreditation Network (SEAN), information was collected for all adults who had received ECT. Variables included age, sex, Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) quintile, International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition (ICD-10) diagnosis, indication for ECT, Mental Health Act status, consent status, entry and exit Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scores (MADRS), entry and exit Clinical Global Index Severity CGI-S) scores and reported side effects. Side effects were recorded as present if the side effect was reported at any point during the episode of treatment.

Results: 4826 ECT episodes were recorded. The majority of episodes were in women (68.4%, $n=3,301$). Average age at treatment onset was 58.52 years. Males were slightly younger ($m=58.24$ years

vs $f=58.65$ years, $p=0.20$). Mean number of treatments/episode was 9.59 (95% CI 9.32 – 9.85). Mean treatment dose delivered was 277.75mC (95%CI 272.88 – 282.63mC).

2920 episodes of treatment had CGI-S entry and exit recorded. At entry, mean CGI-S indicated marked illness (5.03 95% CI 4.99-5.07). Recipients with schizophrenia had the highest CGI-S score (5.45 95% CI 5.21-5.60), followed by those with post-partum disorders (5.38, 95% CI 4.61-6.14). At exit, mean CGI scores indicated borderline illness (2.07, 95% CI 2.03-2.11), recipients diagnosed with mixed affective state had the lowest CGI-S score (1.72, 95% CI 0.99-2.47) followed by those with schizoaffective disorder (2.01, 95% CI 1.76-2.42).

Anaesthetic complications ($n=34$) and prolonged seizures ($n=38$) were rare, occurring in $<1\%$ of treatment episodes. Cardiovascular complications were reported in 2.2% ($n=102$). Nausea was reported in 7.2% ($n=334$) and muscle aches in 12% ($n=560$). Confusion was reported in 19% ($n=879$) and cognitive side effects were reported in 26.2% ($n=1212$). One third of treatment episodes reported confusion or cognitive side effects (33.1%, $n=1545$).

Conclusions: From this large naturalistic clinical sample, ECT appears to be effective in improving illness severity as measured by CGI-S score. While some side effects (such as prolonged seizures and cardiovascular complications) were rare, others (such as confusion or cognitive side effects) were relatively common.

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Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders

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The Phase III CONNEX programme assessing the efficacy and safety of iclepertin in patients with schizophrenia: Trial design and recruitment update

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Introduction: In a 12-week, Phase II (NCT02832037) trial, iclepertin (BI 425809), an inhibitor of glycine transporter-1, was generally well tolerated and significantly improved cognition in 509 patients with schizophrenia.

Objectives: The Phase III CONNEX programme aims to confirm the efficacy, safety and tolerability of iclepertin in improving cognition and functioning across a larger cohort of patients with schizophrenia.

Methods: The CONNEX programme includes 3 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel group trials in patients with schizophrenia (NCT04846868, NCT04846881, NCT04860830) receiving stable antipsychotic treatment. Each trial aims to recruit ~586 patients, 18–50 years old, treated with 1–2 antipsychotic

medications (≥ 12 weeks on current drug and ≥ 35 days on current dose before treatment) who have functional impairment in day-to-day activities and interact ≥ 1 hour per week with a designated study partner. Patients with cognitive impairment due to developmental, neurological or other disorders, with a current DSM-5 diagnosis other than schizophrenia or receiving cognitive remediation therapy within 12 weeks prior to screening, will be excluded. Patients will be recruited from multiple centres across 41 countries in Asia, North and South America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region, and randomised 1:1 to receive either iclertin 10 mg (oral administration; $n=293$), or placebo ($n=293$) once daily for 26 weeks. The primary endpoint is change from baseline in overall composite T-score of the Measurement and Treatment Research to Improve Cognition in Schizophrenia Consensus Cognitive Battery. The key secondary endpoints are change from baseline in total score on the Schizophrenia Cognition Rating Scale and change from baseline in the adjusted total time T-score in the Virtual Reality Functional Capacity Assessment Tool. **Results:** The CONNEX programme is currently recruiting (Table); the first patients were enrolled in Aug–Sept 2021 and completion is expected in Q1 2025. The presentation will describe the current study status, information relating to screening failures, and the experience of collecting these data as part of a large multi-country, multicentre study.

Table. The number of patients recruited by 31 August 2023

	CONNEX 1	CONNEX 2	CONNEX 3
Screened	565	521	493
Randomised	409	360	350
Completed trial medication	202	184	191

Conclusions: Iclertin may represent the first efficacious medication for cognitive impairment associated with schizophrenia.

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Association between loneliness in childhood and first-episode psychosis

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Introduction: Evidence from observational and genetic studies suggests a bidirectional relationship between loneliness and psychosis. To our knowledge, no previous study has assessed the association between loneliness in childhood and first-episode psychosis (FEP).

Objectives: We aimed to assess the association between loneliness in childhood and the odds of FEP and clinical variables of interest (i.e., diagnosis and clinical and functional severity) in FEP and to explore gender differences in this association.

Methods: This was an observational, case-control study, based on the AGES-CM cohort, a longitudinal prospective study including patients with FEP ages 7-40, their first-degree relatives, and an age- and sex-matched sample of controls in seven university hospitals in the region of Madrid. We assessed loneliness in childhood with the question "Have you ever felt lonely for more than 6 months before the age of 12" and objective social isolation with the peer relationships item from the childhood subscale of the Premorbid Adjustment Scale. We conducted logistic and linear regression analyses to assess the association between childhood loneliness and i) the odds of presenting a FEP and ii) clinical variables of interest (diagnosis and scores on positive, negative, general, depressive, and manic symptoms and functioning), while adjusting for demographic variables.