Cognitive Bias Modification against fatigue in different patient populations. User acceptance and preliminary effects



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## INTRODUCTION

Fatigue is one of the most frequent, important and quality of life determining symptoms in many illnesses<sup>1</sup>
Promising: Cognitive Bias Modification:
Low-burden associative tasks target unconscious bias

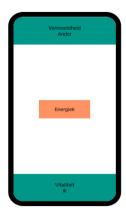
- Self-identity bias: 'I am a tired person'
- Attentional bias: hyperfocus on fatigue

## Research questions:

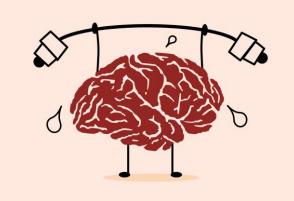
- Can the training effectively change patients' fatigue bias? And selfreported fatigue, vitality, behaviour?
- How do people evaluate the training?

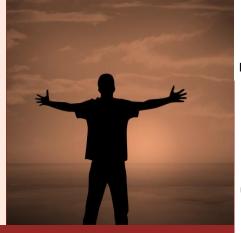
#### **METHODS**

- 1. 2 studies, 2 patient populations:
  - Kidney patients (n=24)
  - Breast-cancer patients (n=28)
  - + their caretakers
- 2. Mixed methods
- Semi-structured interviews
- Single Case
   Experimental
   Design







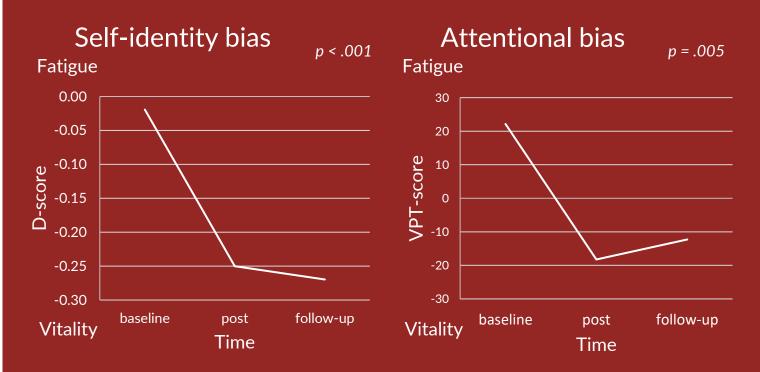


# Conclusion: Positively evaluated brain

training successfully changes

## cognitive bias from fatigue to vitality

Kidney patients:

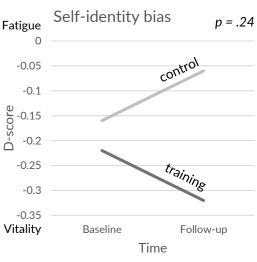






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## Breast-cancer patients:



## **RESULTS USER EVALUATIONS**

### Common barriers:

- Doubts about effectiveness
- Annoyance monotony
- Integration with regular treatment

## Specific barriers:

Kidney patients → digital literacy Breast-cancer patients → too early introduction Suggestions:

- Helpdesk
- Personalize training
- Integrate with other interventions
- Key users among nurses

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