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Authors' objectives
In the context of the project "Treatment by clinical psychologists", commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Health and the passage of a new law governing psychologists (Psychologengesetz 2013) the aims of part I of the project report were on the one hand a comparison of Austrian and international education and training requirements for clinical psychologists and an overview of the scholarly literature on quality assurance of training, on the other hand an analysis of Austrian stakeholder perspectives regarding a definition of clinical psychological treatment, legal training requirements and a delineation of responsibilities of clinical psychologists vis-à-vis neighbouring professions (psychotherapists, psychiatrists).

Authors' conclusions
Since neither the scholarly literature, nor textbooks or the new Austrian law offer clear delineations of the spheres of clinical psychologists, psychotherapists and psychiatrists (that metaphorically overlap like the Olympic rings), the report’s conclusion is to concentrate on objectively evaluated treatment competences of the individual professional rather than on her/ his membership in a professional group.

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