# Comparison of melatonin, temazepam and placebo for the treatment of sleep problems in hospitalized older patients.

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Suspended

Health condition type -

**Study type** Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON21870

**Source** 

Nationaal Trial Register

**Brief title**MATCH

**Health condition** 

Sleeping disorder, acute insomnia. Slaapstoornis, acute insomnia

## **Sponsors and support**

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#### Intervention

### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Sleep quality, measured with the quality of sleep (QOS) parameter of the Leeds Sleep Evaluation Questionnaire (LSEQ).

## **Secondary outcome**

- 1) The other subscales of the LSEQ: getting to sleep (GTS), awakening from sleep (AFS) and behavior following wakening (BFW).
- 2) Good nights of sleep measured with a Numeric Rating Scale (NRS)
- 3) Objective sleep parameters measured with actigraphy: sleep onset latency in minutes, sleep efficiency, number and duration of wake bouts and time awake after sleep onset in minutes.
- 4) Side effects related to study medication: Incidence of delirium during hospitalization, cognition, number of falls during hospitalization, complications and length of hospital stay in days.

# **Study description**

## **Background summary**

The aim of the MATCH study is to investigate the effects of melatonin, temazepam and placebo on sleep quality among acutely hospitalized older patients with sleeping problems.

This study is a multicenter, randomized controlled trial in the Netherlands. A total of 663 patients will be randomized in a 1:1:1 fashion to receive melatonin (n=221), temazepam (n=221) or placebo (n=221). The study population consists of acutely hospitalized patients aged 65 years and older, with new or aggravated sleeping problems for which an intervention is needed. Measurements will be collected at enrolment, daily during hospitalization (with a maximum of 10 treatment days) and at discharge. The primary outcome is sleep quality measured with the Leeds Sleep Evaluation Questionanaire (LSEQ).

## **Study objective**

Acutely hospitalized older patients frequently suffer from inadequate sleep. Insufficient sleep can lead to patient distress and delayed recovery from acute illness or a surgical procedure.

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Currently, no evidence-based treatments exist for sleeping problems in acutely hospitalized older patients. Benzodiazepines, such as temazepam, are regularly prescribed by physicians, although they have serious side effects; for older patients in particular. Melatonin is proposed as a safe alternative for sleeping problems in acutely hospitalized older patients, but the efficacy of melatonin is unclear in this population. Therefore, the aim of this study is to investigate the effects of melatonin, temazepam and placebo on sleep quality among acutely hospitalized older patients with sleeping problems.

## Study design

Data will be collected at enrolment, daily during hospitalization (with a maximum of 10 treatment days) and at discharge.

#### Intervention

Patients are randomized to receive 1 out of 3 possible treatments:

Treatment 1: Melatonin

Dose: 1mg daily, ante nocte (with a maximum of 10 days)

Administration: Orally

Treatment 2: Temazepam

Dose: 10mg daily, ante nocte (with a maximum of 10 days)

Administration: Orally

Treatment 3: Placebo (control)

Dose: placebo, ante nocte (with a maximum of 10 days)

Administration: Orally

## **Contacts**

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# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Inclusion criteria

- 1. 60 years or older
- 2. Admitted to the hospital for a medical or surgical reason
- 3. Experiencing new onset or aggravated sleep problems, for which an intervention is needed
- 4. Able to fill out a sleep questionnaire

#### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1. Inability to speak, understand or write Dutch
- 2. Lack of decision making capacity
- 3. Previously diagnosed dementia
- 4. Transferred from another hospital to one of the study centers, with insufficient information on previous use of sleep medication.
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- 5. Expected stay in hospital of <48 hours
- 6. Concurrent regular benzodiazepine or melatonin use
- 7. Alcohol consumption >13 units/week for women and >20 units/week for men
- 8. Drug interactions with melatonin or contra indications for benzodiazepine use

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Double blinded (masking used)

Control: Placebo

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Suspended Start date (anticipated): 01-01-2018

Enrollment: 663

Type: Anticipated

## **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: Undecided

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 18-12-2017

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL6730 NTR-old NTR6908

Other NL55330.018.15 : ABR

# **Study results**