# Stimulux: Optimizing blue light exposure on the retina for non-image forming effects and visual comfort

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Ethical reviewApproved WMOStatusRecruitment stoppedHealth condition typeOther conditionStudy typeInterventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON38764

Source

ToetsingOnline

**Brief title** Stimulux

#### Condition

Other condition

**Synonym** 

nvt

**Health condition** 

nvt

#### **Research involving**

Human

## **Sponsors and support**

Primary sponsor: Janssen-Cilag

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Janssen Pharmaceutica NV

#### Intervention

**Keyword:** blue light, non-visual responses of light, visual comfort, well-being

#### **Outcome measures**

#### **Primary outcome**

Study 1: pupil size changes in response to light exposure. Study 2: melatonin

suppression in response to light

#### **Secondary outcome**

visual comfort, alertness and performance in response to light exposure

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Stimulux® is a new medical product to be designed as a light treatment device. It consists of glasses fitted with blue LED lights. Main research question of the study is: Is the angle of illumination important to elicit non-visual responses and if so, are the effects of different non-visual responses different for different illumination angles.

#### Study objective

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#### Study design

Within-subject, randomly assigned crossover study-design.

#### Intervention

Blue LED light exposure, LEDs fitted to glasses, of varying intensity and varying angle of illumination. In study 1, subjects will be exposed to pulses

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of 30 sec. In study 2, subjects will be exposed to a selection of intensities and angle of illumination, based on the results in study 1, with a light pulse duration of 1.5 hours.

#### Study burden and risks

There are no risks involved from participating in the study. Stimulux is tested to be safe by two independent, internationally expert safety institutes, there is no blue light hazard risk. Visual comfort and complaints will be monitored throughout and subjects will undergo an eye check before and after study 2. Time investment and burden of the healthy individuals is relatively low. In study 1, participants have to come to the institute on one morning of afternoon and the experiment lasts 2 hours. There will be enough breaks to make it comfortable for the subjects, since they have to sit still to do the measurements. Study 2 takes a bit more time. Subjects are asked to come to the institute five times, for 3.5 hours each time, in the evening, this will result in some sleep deprivation. The measurements, like saliva collection, and simple ratings and performance tests on the computer will be of very low burden.

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# **Trial sites**

#### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

# **Eligibility criteria**

#### Age

Adults (18-64 years) Elderly (65 years and older)

## **Inclusion criteria**

Healthy men and women; ages between 20-35y to avoid the lens changes that occur with aging

Subjects should be fluent in Dutch (because of the use of Dutch rating scales). Signed informed consent.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

You suffer from (chronic) disease (physical or psychological)

You suffer from sleep disorders (mild sleep complains are not a problem)

You are visually impaired or you had undergo eye surgery in the last year (contact lenses and glasses are not a problem)

You are taking medication or have taken long-term effects medication in the 3 months prior to participation, which are known to increase the sensitivity to light (see leaflet)

You use regular sleep medication or stimulants

Two or more time zones transmeridian flights one month prior to participation

Shift work during the 3 months prior to participation

Colour blindness

Excessive daily amounts of caffeinated drinks (>8 cups/drinks per day. E.g., coffee, cola, energy drinks)

Alcohol (more than 3 glasses on a working day) or drug problems

The use of melatonin

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Crossover

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

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#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 12-05-2014

Enrollment: 18

Type: Actual

# **Ethics review**

Approved WMO

Date: 27-03-2014

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

# **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

CCMO NL45834.042.13