

# The ability to modulate the sensation of pain using augmented reality

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruitment stopped
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON48970

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

augmented reality pain modulation

## Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

physical discomfort, visual processing

### Health condition

human cognition

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Academisch Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** augmented reality, pain modulation

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- Augmented reality task, the main study parameters consist of self-reports

measured by a VAS and physiological recordings of heart rate and Skin

Conductance level (SCL) measured by the VU-AMS.

- Non-augmented reality task, the main study parameters consist of self-reports

measured by a VAS and physiological recordings of heart rate and Skin

Conductance level (SCL) measured by the VU-AMS.

### Secondary outcome

N/A

## Study description

### Background summary

Head mounted display (HMD) technology can be defined as a pair of special computer goggles that can be used to render different forms of stereoscopic virtual content to the user. The two different types of content include both virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). Virtual reality can be defined as a non-invasive, stereoscopic, computer-generated reality that enables an individual to experience all three dimensions of a virtual environment from any perspective, i.e. the first or third person perspective. Therefore, VR entirely separates individuals from their natural environment. Virtual reality has been studied extensively in the context of managing chronic pain in both physically identifiable [Hoffman 2000, Hoffman 2001, Hua 2015, Gershon 2004, Schneider 2004] phantom pain [Cole 2009, Wake 2015] conditions. Collectively, these studies suggest that pain perception is influenced by multisensory information. Little research has been conducted within this field using augmented reality. Augmented reality can be defined as a non-invasive, monoscopic or stereoscopic, reality that is created by combining both the real world and a computer-generated world. This blended reality allows individuals to view

virtual images that are imposed over parts of their natural environment.

### **Study objective**

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### **Study design**

This is a pilot study with behavioral outcome measures.

### **Intervention**

Augmented reality

### **Study burden and risks**

The risk and burden associated with participation can be considered minimal.

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## **Trial sites**

### **Listed location countries**

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

The recruitment of participants takes place as follows. Practitioners at the department of Psychiatry will inform healthy participants via hand-outs and online flyers about our study. If someone is willing to participate in the study, we will email them to inform them of the entire procedure. This email will ensure that they have the opportunity to fully understand the procedure. If they are still interested in participating, they will sign an informed consent and we will perform screening for inclusion and exclusion criteria. Demographics and a clinician-related questionnaire (M.I.N.I) will be assessed to make sure that the individual can participate. If a participant meets any of the exclusion criteria, then they are excluded from participating in this study.;Inclusion criteria:

- Men and women.
- Age between 25-65.
- No previous diagnosis of a mental disorder
- No previous diagnosis of chronic pain

### Exclusion criteria

- A DSM-V diagnosis for any mental disorder
- Diagnosed with having chronic pain

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	27-06-2019
Enrollment:	16
Type:	Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Generic name:	Oculus Rift DK2
Registration:	No

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	29-03-2019
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC

## 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	NL65263.018.18