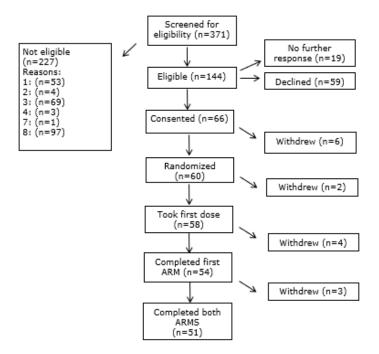
Participant flow



Reasons for non-eligibility
1= BPS average pain score <7
2= Pain <3 months
3= Disallowed drugs

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4= Liver disease
5= Under 16y
6= Pregnant/BF/trying
7= History of alcohol/drug abuse
8= Other/not known

Participant characteristics at baseline

	Intention to Treat		Per Protocol		
	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B	
	Melatonin	Placebo	Melatonin	Placebo	
	first	first	first	first	
	(n=30)	(n=28)	(n=26)	(n=25)	
Age, y (%)	62	55	61	55	
	[24 -79]	[28 -79]	[24 -79]	[28 - 78]	
Sex, n (%) Male Female	10 (33%) 20 (67%)	12 (43%) 16 (58%)	8 (31%) 18 (69%)	10 (40%) 15 (60%)	
Pain duration, months	96	96	96	120	
	[12 - 336]	[24 - 480]	[12 -336]	[24 -480]	
Pain Type, n (%) Nociceptive/mainly nociceptive Neuropathic/mainly neuropathic Mixed	16 (53%)	6 (21%)	14 (54%)	6 (24%)	
	12 (40%)	14 (50%)	10 (39%)	12 (48%)	
	2 (7%)	8 (29%)	2 (8%)	7 (28%)	
Ethnicity, n (%) White Other White Asian Black	28 (93%) 1 (3%) 1 (3%) 0	27 (96%) 0 0 1 (3.6%)	24 (92%) 1 (4%) 1 (4%) 0	24 (94%) 0 0 1 (4%)	
Smoking status, n (%) Never smoked Ex-smoker Smoker	10 (33%) 13 (43%) 7 (23%)	15 (55%) 9 (32%) 4 (14%)	10 (39%) 10 (39%) 6 (23%)	13 (52%) 8 (32%) 4 (16%)	
Body mass index, kg/m²	29.8	30.3	30.2	30.4	
	[22.7 - 51.3)	[20.4 - 48.0]	[22.7 -51.3]	[23.1 - 48.0]	
BMI Categories, n (%) Normal (18.5-24.9) Overweight (25.0-29.9) Obese (30 or more) Missing value	3 (10%)	4 (14%)	3 (11%)	3 (12%)	
	12 (40%)	9 (32%)	9 (35%)	8 (32%)	
	14 (47%)	15 (54%)	13 (50%)	14 (56%)	
	1 (3%)	0	1 (4%)	0	

Outcome measures at baseline

	Group A Melatonin first	Group B Placebo first	Sampling probability
Verran, Snyder-Halpern sleep scale			
Sleep disturbance Sleep latency ^a Wake after sleep onset ^a	480 [67-632] 89 [4-100] 54 [3-100]	381 [106-619] 50 [0-100] 43 [0-90]	P=0.06 P=0.18 P=0.24
Brief Pain Inventory			
Pain intensity score ^{b,c} Sleep interruption score ^c	7 [7-10] 8 [1-10]	7 [7-10] 8 [5-10]	P=0.38 P=0.86
Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index			
Global Score ^d Sleep duration (hours)	12.5 [4.0-17.0] 5.0 [2.0-7.5]	12.0 [3.0-16.0] 2.0 [2.0-8.0]	P=0.31 P=0.56
Pain and Sleep Quality 3-Item score ^e	242 [57-300]	204 [83-299]	P=0.08

Median [range]

a maximum score = 100

 $^{^{\}rm b}\, {\rm inclusion}$ criteria dictate score of 7 or more at baseline

c maximum score = 11 d maximum score = 21

e maximum score = 300

Intention to treat analysis

Verran, Snyder-Halpern Sleep Scale

VSH Disturbance: Melatonin Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum Visit 1 67 300.3 438.0 560.5 632 Visit 2 74 232.6 308.5 454.6 677 Visit 3 47 295.2 395.0 510.0 684 VSH Disturbance: Placebo Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum Visit 1 96 273.8 430.5 529.2 673 Visit 2 21 256.8 399.0 510.3 677
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Latency:
Melatonin Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum
Visit 1 2 38.6 79.5 96.1 100
Visit 2 0 12.7 25.0 81.1 100
Visit 3 2 30.9 63.5 90.3 100
Latency:
Placebo Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum
Visit 1 0 22.7 65.0 95.7 100
Visit 2 0 20.7 55.0 90.0 100
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Melatonin Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum
Visit 1 3 29.8 53.0 72.1 100
Visit 2 3 16.7 37.0 60.7 96
Visit 3 6 32.4 51.5 70.2 98
WASO:
Placebo Period Minimum 1st Quartile Median 3rd Quartile Maximum
Visit 1 0 22.7 47.0 66.0 100
Visit 2 0 21.3 50.0 66.3 99
Visit 3 10 27.2 47.0 61.7 96

Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index

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PSQI Global Score:					
Melatonin Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	4	10.0	12.0	15.0	17
Visit 2	3	7.0	10.0	12.1	17
Visit 3	4	8.0	10.0	13.0	17
PSQI Global Score:					
Placebo Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	3	9.0	12.0	14.0	16
Visit 2	3	8.0	11.0	13.1	17
Visit 3	4	8.7	10.0	13.0	16

Pain and Sleep Quality 3 Item Score

PSQ-3:					
Melatonin Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	57	186.8	224.5	257.1	300
Visit 2	21	106.7	189.0	231.7	300
Visit 3	19	133.3	179.5	235.1	300
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PSQ-3:					
Placebo Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	42	151.8	203.0	239.8	299
Visit 2	11	141.9	183.0	233.8	291
Visit 3	29	131.0	187.0	217.5	293

Brief Pain Inventory

BPI Average Pain:					
Melatonin Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	3	7.0	7.0	8.0	10
Visit 2	3	5.0	6.0	7.0	10
Visit 3	3	5.0	6.0	7.0	9
BPI Average Pain:					
Placebo Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	4	7.0	7.0	8.0	9
Visit 2	3	6.0	6.0	7.0	10
Visit 3	3	5.0	6.0	7.0	10

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Visit 1	1	7.0	8.0	9.0	10
Visit 2	0	5.0	6.0	7.1	10
Visit 3	1	5.0	7.0	8.0	10

BPI Sleep Interference:					
Placebo Period	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Visit 1	2	6.0	8.0	9.0	10
Visit 2	1	5.0	7.0	8.0	10
Visit 3	1	5.0	7.0	8.0	10

Adverse events

Number of adverse events

Event	Melatonin period	Placebo period	Total during treatment
Headache	4	8	12
Drowsiness	1	1	2
Nightmares	3	1	4
Infections	11	11	22
Mental health issues	2	1	3
Gut problems	10	9	19
Skin problems	5	1	6
Joint problems	2	2	4
Other	11	13	24

Serious adverse events

Two serious adverse events (SAEs) occurred in participants allocated to Group B (placebo first) during the washout period (i.e. following placebo treatment) and were considered to be unrelated to trial drug treatment.