How taking magnesium affects sleep and health in adults with poor sleep quality: a study with randomized blinding and placebo control

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
08/11/2023	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
09/11/2023	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
09/11/2023	Mental and Behavioural Disorders	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

We are conducting a study on healthy adults with occasional sleeplessness to examine the effectiveness of Upgraded Formulas Magnesium supplementation on sleep quality and related health outcomes.

We will assess the participant's health-related quality of life, fatigue, anxiety, perceived stress, sleep quality, productivity, and mood.

Who can participate?

Adults between the ages of 18 to 65 years who report poor sleep quality

What does the study involve?

Following the baseline assessment, you will be randomized to either the Magnesium Supplementation or Placebo Control condition for 2 weeks. Following a one-week washout period, you will then take the alternative supplement/placebo for 2 weeks.

You will be asked to complete assessments at the following time points: Baseline and following taking the supplement and placebo. The assessments will be self-report questionnaires that will take about 20 minutes to complete at each assessment. Each day you will also complete a self-reported daily diary that will ask questions regarding your sleep quality, productivity, mood, and adherence. Completion of the daily diary will take about two minutes. You will also wear an Oura Ring to record your nighttime sleep and daytime activity. Your data will not be linked to other data.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

You may or may not personally benefit from participating in this study. By participating in this study, you may develop a better understanding of your health and sleep levels. If you decide to take part in the study, it should be because you really want to volunteer. You will not lose any

services, benefits, or rights you would normally have if you chose not to volunteer. If you are interested in learning more about the study, please continue to read below. If you are not interested stop here.

Where is the study run from? Upgraded Formulas (USA)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? January 2023 to July 2023

Who is funding the study? Upgraded Formulas (USA)

Who is the main contact? Heather Hausenblas, PhD, hhausenblas@wellnessdiscoverylabs.com

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Public, Scientific, Principal investigator

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Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)

Nil known

ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

Nil known

Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

Effectiveness of magnesium supplementation on sleep quality and related health outcomes for adults with poor sleep quality: a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled crossover trial

Study objectives

Nano magnesium chloride supplementation improves sleep quality and health.

Ethics approval required

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Ethics approval(s)

approved 01/01/2023, Sterling IRB (6300 Powers Ferry Rd Suite 600-351, ATlanta, 30339, United States of America; +1 770-690-9491; info@sterlingirb.com), ref: 10721-HAHausenblas

Study design

Randomized double-blind placebo-controlled crossover trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Adults with nonclinical insomnia symptoms

Interventions

For the 2 conditions (magnesium and placebo control) the procedures were identical except for the supplement taken (i.e., either magnesium or control).

- 1. Magnesium: Participants took the Upgraded Formulas supplement which is a nano magnesium chloride that is 100% natural, keto, organic, and vegan. It is free from artificial flavors, fillers, colors, and stabilizers. Participants were instructed to take 4 capsules 120 minutes or less before bed with 12 oz of water.
- 2. Control: Participants were instructed to take 4 capsules 120 minutes or less before bed with 12 oz of water. The placebo capsules were sucrose.

Total duration of intervention: 5 weeks

Follow-up: No follow-up

Randomization: 1. Created a List: List of all participants, assigned each a unique identifier or number. 2. Random Selection: Used a random method of computer-generated random number generator to select participants without any bias. 3. Group Assignment: Assigned participants to different groups based on generated assignment.

Participants completed psychometrically validated self-report questionnaires at Day 0 (Pre) and post each condition. Participants also completed a Daily Diary to assess subjective sleep quality /quantity, adherence, and adverse events, and wore an Oura Ring to objectively determine sleep and daytime activity. Participants maintained their current lifestyle behaviors and did not engage in any new forms of structured exercise or begin a new diet or health intervention during the trial.

Intervention Type

Supplement

Primary outcome(s)

Sleep measured by:

- 1. Questionnaires:
- 1.1. Insomnia Severity Index was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 1.2. Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 1.3. Berlin Questionnaire was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 1.4. Restorative Sleep Questionnaire was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 2. Objective wearable measure:

Oura Ring which is a multisensory wearable device that quantifies night-time and daytime activity was measured daily

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Profile of Mood States was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 2. Flinders Fatigue Scale was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 3. Perceived Stress Scale was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 4. Pain and Sleep Questionnaire Three-item Index was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 5. Trait Anxiety Inventory. was measured at baseline and post each condition
- 6. Adherence and adverse events: was measured daily via a questionnaire

Completion date

07/07/2023

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Adults between the ages of 25 to 55 with nonclinical insomnia symptoms

Participant type(s)

Healthy volunteer

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

25 years

Upper age limit

55 years

Sex

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Total final enrolment

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Severe insomnia (based on the Insomnia Severity Index (ISI \geq 22) or absence of insomnia (ISI < 8);
- 2. History of a disorder affecting sleep quality
- 3. Events that could cause severe stress within 2 weeks of baseline
- 4. Use of medication that could influence sleep patterns, within 1 month of baseline
- 5. Current use of hormone therapy
- 6. Binge drinking
- 7. Smoking
- 8. High caffeine intake
- 9. Work schedule that causes irregular sleep patterns
- 10. History of travel to a different time zone within 1 month of study
- 11. Low or high body mass index (BMI ≤ 18 kg/m² or ≥30 kg/m²)
- 12. Pregnant, trying to conceive, or breastfeeding
- 13. Taking sleep supplements or medication
- 14. Unwilling to abstain from other magnesium product use for two weeks leading up to trial initiation and during the trial
- 15. Individuals deemed incompatible with the study protocol

Date of first enrolment

03/03/2023

Date of final enrolment

04/04/2023

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United States of America

Study participating centre Wellness Discovery Labs

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Upgraded Formulas, LLC

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Upgraded Formulas, LLC

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

Dataset will be available upon request from Heather Hausenblas (hhausenblas@wellnessdiscoverylabs.com)

IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type Details Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing?

Participant information sheet Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes