

# Testing the effect of metacognitive therapy for insomnia

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Insomnia is defined by the presence of long sleep latency (the time it takes to get to sleep), frequent nocturnal awakenings or prolonged periods of wakefulness during the sleep period. Insomnia has severe consequences for individuals' quality of life, and healthcare expenditures are about 160% of people without insomnia. The aim of this study is to test the effectiveness of a psychological therapy called metacognitive therapy for insomnia.

### Who can participate?

Patients with insomnia

### What does the study involve?

Participants receive up to 10 sessions of metacognitive therapy. Participants are assessed on insomnia severity, anxiety, depression, time spent worrying and metacognitive beliefs before treatment, after treatment and at 6 and 12 months follow-up.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

There are no previously reported risks of metacognitive therapy. Participants can withdraw from the trial at any time without giving a reason. If any participants' condition deteriorates whilst being in the metacognitive therapy they are referred to psychiatric care.

### Where is the study run from?

Cektos - Center for Metakognitiv Terapi (Denmark)

### When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

July 2020 to September 2024

### Who is funding the study?

Cektos - Center for Metakognitiv Terapi (Denmark)

### Who is the main contact?

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**EudraCT/CTIS number**  
Nil known

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**  
Nil known

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
Nil known

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
Metacognitive therapy for insomnia: a randomised controlled trial

**Acronym**  
MCTINSOMNIA

**Study objectives**  
The alternative hypothesis of this study states that Metacognitive Therapy (MCT) for insomnia will result in a statistically significant positive change in patient symptoms of insomnia compared to a waiting-list control group receiving no treatment for 12 weeks.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

1. Approved 23/11/2020, Den Videnskabsetiske Komité for Region Sjælland (Sekretariatet for Den Regionale Videnskabsetiske Komité Alléen 15 , Sorø, 4180, Denmark; +45 (0)5787 5283; rvk-sjaelland@regionsjaelland.dk), ref: SJ-872 - EMN-2020-35209
2. Approved 03/02/2021, Danish Ethics Board (Den Videnskabsetiske Komité for Region Sjælland, Alléen 15, 4180 Sorø, Denmark; +45 (0)93 56 60 00; RVK-sjaelland@regionsjaelland.dk), ref: 74316

### **Study design**

Open trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Secondary study design**

Non randomised study

### **Study setting(s)**

Other

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use contact details to request a participant information sheet

### **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Insomnia

### **Interventions**

Current interventions as of 30/08/2023:

Patients receive up to 10 sessions of MCT. Assessment is made at pre, post and finally at 6 and 12 months follow-up with primary and secondary variables.

Previous interventions:

Randomisation is achieved using a random number generator. The treatment group receive up to 10 sessions of MCT and a waiting list control group receive MCT after 12 weeks waiting time. Assessment is made at pre, post and finally at 6 and 12 months follow-up with primary and secondary variables.

### **Intervention Type**

Behavioural

### **Primary outcome measure**

Insomnia severity measured using Insomnia Severity Index (ISI) before treatment, after approximately 12 weeks treatment (10 sessions) and at 6 and 12 months follow-up

### **Secondary outcome measures**

Anxiety and depressive symptoms measured using hospital anxiety and depression scale (HADS) before treatment, after approximately 12 weeks treatment (10 sessions) and at 6 and 12 months follow-up

**Overall study start date**

01/07/2020

**Completion date**

06/09/2024

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients suffering from insomnia as measured on the ISI

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

26

**Key exclusion criteria**

Patients are excluded if they:

1. Suffer from severe depression, anxiety or psychosis
2. Report any suicidality
3. Have sleep disruptive medical illnesses

**Date of first enrolment**

22/06/2020

**Date of final enrolment**

01/09/2022

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Denmark

**Study participating centre**

**Cektos - Center for Metakognitiv Terapi**  
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## **Sponsor information**

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Hospital/treatment centre

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## **Funder(s)**

### **Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

### **Funder Name**

Cektos - Center for Metacognitiv Terapi

## **Results and Publications**

### **Publication and dissemination plan**

Planned publication in a high impact peer-reviewed journal. All documents are available on request.

### **Intention to publish date**

31/12/2025

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

The data-sharing plans for the current study are unknown and will be made available at a later date.

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Data sharing statement to be made available at a later date