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NOTE: End date is 7/31/2012 per PI/CoI (Ed., 10/27/11) NOTE--end date should be around 4/30/2012 per JSC (11/08) **Key Personnel Changes/Previous PI:** Laura K. Barger, Ph.D. is assigned as Co-Principal Investigator (1/2008 report). Barger, Laura Ph.D. (Co-PI: Harvard Medical School) Wright, Kenneth Ph.D. (University of Colorado) **COI** Name (Institution): Ronda, Joseph M.S. (Harvard Medical School) Evans, Erin Ph.D. (NASA) **Grant/Contract No.:** NCC9-119 Performance Goal No.: **Performance Goal Text:** Participants wear a small light-weight activity and light recording device for the entire duration of their mission. They also completed a sleep log each day on Shuttle flights and for three 1-week periods during nominal International Space Station (ISS) missions. On the ISS12 mission, sleep logs are completed about every three weeks. The sleep-wake activity and light exposure patterns obtained in-flight on Shuttle and nominal ISS missions was compared with baseline data collected for two weeks at approximately L-90 and from L-11 through L-0. Recovery from spaceflight was also **Task Description:** assessed from R+0 through R+7. Baseline data for the ISS12 mission was collected approximately one year and six months prior to flight. These data should help us better understand the effects of spaceflight on sleep as well as aid in the development of effective countermeasures for both short and long-duration spaceflight. See also http://www.nasa.gov/ **Rationale for HRP Directed Research:** An inadequate quantity or quality of sleep may impair an astronaut's ability to maintain a high level of cognitive performance and vigilance while operating and monitoring sophisticated instrumentation during spaceflight. In order to understand sleep in space more completely, we conducted a large scale study of astronauts across multiple Space Shuttle (STS) and International Space Station (ISS) missions. Since 2000, crewmembers assigned to shuttle flights were briefed about the opportunity to participate in this experiment. ISS crews were briefed beginning in 2006. Participants wore a small light-weight ambulatory recording device [Actiwatch-L; manufactured by MiniMitter, then Respironics, then Philips, Bend, OR] for assessment of sleep-wakefulness activity via wrist actigraphy and light-exposure levels via wrist photometry during three Earth-based data-collection intervals and the spaceflight mission. Additionally, crewmembers were instructed to complete a sleep log within 15 minutes of awakening to record medication use (every day on STS and for approximately one-third of ISS mission days). Sleep was estimated using Actiware Software [Version 3.4]. We studied 21 ISS crewmembers (3,201 ISS inflight days) from 2006-2011 during missions lasting, on average, 155 ± Research Impact/Earth Benefits: 39 days. Preliminary results indicate that the mean (+ SD) nightly sleep duration, as estimated from actigraphy, was 6.1 + 0.7 hours on ISS missions, which was significantly shorter than during Earth-based collections 90 days prior to the mission and one-week postflight (p<0.01). To obtain even this limited amount of sleep, 75% of ISS crewmembers reported taking sleep-promoting medications inflight. Circadian misalignment, as measured by CPSS, occurred during 20% of mission days and was significantly associated with increased use of sleep medication, decreased sleep quality, and shorter sleep durations. One US astronaut and one Russian cosmonaut plan to take part in a one-year ISS mission. Given that the duration of this mission will be essentially twice as long as the nominal ISS missions, it is unknown how the mind and body, including sleep and the circadian system, will respond or adapt to that much time in space. We plan to estimate sleep and circadian alignment throughout the mission via the previously employed protocol. Findings from this long duration mission are crucial to inform future exploration class missions.

Task Progress:

A manuscript describing the results of the initial phases of this study (sleep of 80 shuttle crewmembers and 21 International Space Station crewmembers) was published in the Lancet Neurology. We began the next phase of the study, which is to study sleep on a one-year ISS mission (ISS12). Data collection is ongoing.

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Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

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