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AGOMELATINE AS ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY IN DISCONTINUATION OF LONG-TERM
BENZODIAZEPINE WITHDRAWAL

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Agomelatine is a new antidepressive drug, that is successfully applied in therapy of insomnia and depression. Until now, there has been no report on its application as add-on medication in therapy for the withdrawal of benzodiazepine.

We are reporting a case of a forty-year-old male patient who was treated with Agomelatine in lorazepam withdrawal therapy. He showed a considerable reduction of craving as well as of insomnia and vegetative symptoms.

Therefore there is the question if the substance has its own anti-craving component and to what extent the melatonin-receptor profile is involved.