

Homeopathy trials used and not used in Egger/Shang's meta-analysis



Our Swiss colleagues who know people who were involved in Matthias Egger's meta-analysis (Shang et al), have disclosed that the following 8 trials were used for the conclusion of the meta-analysis (Some data from Dean's book 'The trials of Homeopathy' have been added; n= the number of included individuals):

- Attena F, Toscano G, Agozzino E, del Giudice N. A randomized trial in the prevention of influenza-like syndromes by homeopathic management. *Rev Epidemiol Santé Publ* 1995; 43: 380–82.
[n=1,595][prevention of flu by Oscillococcinum][Dean's Methodological Quality 62%, inclusion and exclusion criteria missing - Incidence %: 21.6 vs 23.5 (ns p = 0.38)]
- Ferley JP, Zmirou D, d'Adhemar D, Balducci F. A controlled evaluation of a homeopathic preparation in the treatment of influenza-like syndromes. *Br J Clin Pharmacol* 1989; 27: 329–35
[included in Linde's meta-analysis][n=487][treatment of flu by Oscillococcinum][Dean's Methodological Quality 85% - recovery at 48h: 17.1 vs 10.3 (p=0.03)]
- Ferley JP, Poutignat N, Azzopardi Y, Charrel M, Zmirou D. Evaluation en médecine ambulatoire de l'activité d'un complexe homéopathique dans la prévention de la grippe et des syndromes grippaux. *Immunol Med* 1987; 20: 22–28
[included in Linde's meta-analysis] [n=1,270][prevention of flu by L52 complex remedy, containing Eupatorium perfoliatum D3, Aconitum napellus D4, Bryonia alba D3, Arnica montana D4, Gelsemium sempervirens D6, Cinchona D4, Belladonna D4, Drosera D3, Senega D3][Dean's Methodological Quality 84% - incidence of flu: 6.46 vs 7.24 (nsd)] .
- Mokkalatti R. An experimental double-blind study to evaluate the use of Euphrasia in preventing conjunctivitis. *Br Homeopath J* 1992; 81: 22–24
[included in Linde's meta-analysis][n=1,306][prevention of conjunctivitis by Euphrasia C30][Dean's Methodological Quality 72% - exclusion criteria missing - n (%) incidence of ocular symptoms: 48 (9.69) vs 43 (8.62) (nsd)]
- Rottey EED, Verleye GB, Liagre RLP. Het effect van een homeopathische bereiding van micro-organismen bij de preventie van griepsymptomen: een gerandomiseerd dubbel-blind onderzoek in de huisartspraktijk. *Tijdschr Int Geneeskunde* 1995; 11: 54–58.
[n=501][prevention of flu by Mucococcinum 200K, containing Influenzinum 200K, Klebsiella pneumoniae 200K, Branhamella catarrhalis 200K, Micrococcus tetragenes 200K] [Dean's Methodological Quality 71% - inclusion criteria missing - n reported flu symptoms: 1.69 vs 2.04 (p=0.01)]
- Vickers AJ, Fisher P, Smith C, Wyllie SE, Rees R. Homeopathic Arnica 30x is ineffective for muscle soreness after long-distance running: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Clin J Pain* 1998; 14: 227–31.[n=519][treatment of muscle soreness of marathon runners by Arnica D30]
- Diefenbach M, Schilken J, Steiner G, Becker HJ. Homöopathische Therapie bei Erkrankungen der Atemwege. Auswertung einer klinischen Studie bei 258 Patienten. *Z Allg Med* 1997; 73: 308–14.
[n=258][treatment of acute respiratory tract inflammation by Bronchiselect, a complex remedy containing Drosera D3, Bryonia cretica D4, Tartarus stibiatus D4, Euspongia officinalis D6, Cephaelis ipecacuanha D4] [Dean's Methodological Quality 75% - % patient assessment of efficacy good or very good: 81 vs 67.8 (p =<0.02) - % doctor assessment of efficacy good or very good: 78 vs 60 (p =<0.03) - % symptom free at day 21: 91 vs 69 - median duration in days: 9 vs 12]
- Papp R, Schuback G, Beck E, et al. OSCILLOCOCCINUM® in patients with influenza-like syndromes: a placebo-controlled double-blind evaluation. *Br Homeopath J* 1998; 87: 69–76.
[n=372][Dean's Methodological Quality 92% - n (%) symptom-free at 48 h: 32 (19.2) vs 25 (15.0) (p=0.0028) - n (%) clear improvement at 48 h: 73 (43.7) vs 56 (33.5) - time to elimination of symptoms: p=0.023]

Conclusion

Three studies deal with the prevention of flu, two with the treatment of flu, one with the prevention of conjunctivitis, one with the treatment of acute respiratory inflammations with a complex remedy and one with the treatment of muscle soreness in long-distance runners. The study of Attena and Ferley (1987) were both negative, the studies by Ferley (1989), Rottey, Papp and Diefenbach were positive but the larger numbers of the former two studies have more weight in the funnel plot. In fact, all of these studies are standardised justification trials and do not reflect actual homeopathic medical practice.

Homeopathy trials not in Egger's meta-analysis

Several trials were not included in Egger's paper. Below 72 trials have been listed, of which 39 are MEDLINE indexed and the other ones were included in Linde's and/or Cucherat's meta-analyses. 15 of them were published in 2003/2004/2005 and could, therefore, not be used by the authors of the meta-analysis because of the search cut-off date of Dec 2002/Jan 2003).

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Aulagnier G. Action d'un traitement homéopathique sur la reprise du transit post-opératoire. *Homéopathie*. 1985; 6: 42–45 [included in Linde meta-analysis 1997] [Dean Methodological Quality 78%] [Result +]

Beer AM, Sturm R, Kupper F. Der Einsatz eines homöopathischen Syndrom im Vergleich zur Hormonsubstitution. *Erfahrungsheilkunde* 1995; 44 : 336–340. [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Dean Methodological Quality 63%] [Result ±]

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Bell IR, Lewis DA 2nd, Brooks AJ, Schwartz GE, Lewis SE, Walsh BT, Baldwin CM. Improved clinical status in fibromyalgia patients treated with individualized homeopathic remedies versus placebo. *Rheumatology (Oxford)*. 2004 May;43(5):577-82. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Result +]

Bignamini M, Bertoli A, Consolandi AM, *et al* . Controlled double-blind trial with Baryta carbonica 15 CH versus placebo in a group of hypertensive subjects confined to bed in two old people's homes. *Br Hom J* 1987; 76 : 114–119. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Dean Methodological Quality 87%] [Result ±]

Böhmer D, Ambrus P. Behandlung von Sportverletzungen mit Traumeel-Salbe—Kontrollierte Doppelblindstudie. *Biol Med* 1992; 21 : 260–268. [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Dean Methodological Quality 96%] [Result +]

Bonne O, Shemer Y, Gorali Y, Katz M, Shalev AY. A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of classical homeopathy in generalized anxiety disorder. *J Clin Psychiatry*. 2003 Mar;64(3):282-7. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Result ±]

Campbell A. Two pilot controlled trials of Arnica montana. *Br Hom J* 1976; 65: 154–58. [included in Linde meta-analysis 1997] [Dean Methodological Quality 60%] [Result –]

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Cornu C, Poitevin B, Lion L, Gillet J, Collet JP, Poncet JE, Chaufferin G, Boissel JP. [Controlled clinical trial and homeopathic treatment of ORL and recurrent respiratory tract infections in children: preliminary survey of homeopathic physicians] *Therapie*. 1995 Jan-Feb;50(1):41-5. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Result ±]

Fingerhut A. Homéopathie dans la reprise du transit après chirurgie abdominale. *Chirurgie* 1990, 116:404-408. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [included in Cucherat meta-analysis 2000]

Fisher P. An experimental double-blind clinical trial method in homoeopathy. Use of a limited range of remedies to treat fibrositis. *Br Hom J* 1986; 75 : 142–147. [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Dean Methodological Quality 68%] [Result +]

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Fisher P, Scott DL. A randomized controlled trial of homeopathy in rheumatoid arthritis. *Rheumatology* 2001; 40 : 1052–1055. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Result –]

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Frei H, Thurneysen A. Treatment for hyperactive children: homeopathy and methylphenidate compared in a family setting. *Br Homeopath J*. 2001 Oct;90(4):183-8. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Result +]

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Garrett B, Harrison PV, Stewart T, Porter I. A trial of homoeopathic treatment of leg ulcers. *J Dermatol Treatment* 1997; 8: 115–117. [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Result ±]

Gassinger CA, Wunstel G, Netter P. A controlled clinical trial for testing the efficacy of the homeopathic drug *Eupatorium perfoliatum* D2 in the treatment of common cold. *Arzneimittelforschung* 1981; 31 : 732–736. [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Dean Methodological Quality 75%] [Result ±]

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Gmünder R, Kissling R. The efficacy of homeopathy in the treatment of chronic low back pain compared to standardized physiotherapy. *Z Orthop Ihre Grenzgeb* 2002; 140 : 503–508. [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] [Reference in Mathie 2003] [Result +]

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