Addition of eicosapentaenoic acid to maintenance anti-depressant therapy in diabetes patients with major depressive disorder: a double-blind, placebo-controlled pilot study

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28/04/2006		☐ Protocol		
Registration date 28/04/2006	Overall study status Completed	Statistical analysis plan		
		[X] Results		
Last Edited 27/02/2013	Condition category Mental and Behavioural Disorders	Individual participant data		

Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

Addition of eicosapentaenoic acid (1 g/day) to maintenance anti-depressant therapy in diabetes patients with major depression will be associated with a reduction of depression symptoms, compared to placebo (1 g grapeseed oils).

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from the Medical Ethical Committee of the VU Medical Centre, Amsterdam on the 15th September (ref: METC 2005/137)

Study design

Randomised placebo-controlled double blind trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Major depressive disorder

Interventions

Two capsules containing eicosapentaenoic acid (total amount of 1 g/day) or placebo.

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Specified

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Eicosapentaenoic acid

Primary outcome(s)

Depression

Key secondary outcome(s))

Glycaemic control

Completion date

01/04/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

- 1. 18 75 years old
- 2. Having diabetes
- 3. Current diagnosis of major depressive disorder that is being treated with ongoing antidepressant medication
- 4. Signed informed consent

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Psychotic features
- 2. History of (hypo)-mania
- 3. An average consumption of fish higher than two servings per week or current daily use of fish oil supplements
- 4. Active suicidal ideation or a history of suicide attempt
- 5. Allergy for fish or fish products
- 6. Pregnancy

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2006

Date of final enrolment

01/04/2007

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Netherlands

Study participating centre

VU University Medical Center

Amsterdam Netherlands 1081 BT

Sponsor information

Organisation

VU University Medical Center, EMGO-Institute (The Netherlands)

ROR

https://ror.org/00q6h8f30

Funder(s)

Funder type

Industry

Funder Name

Dutch Diabetes Research Foundation (The Netherlands)

Alternative Name(s)

Dutch Diabetes Research Foundation

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

Location

Netherlands

Funder Name

Minami Nutrition Inc. (USA)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summaryNot provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/01/2012		Yes	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes