

# A multicentre, double-blind, randomised, parallel group, placebo-controlled trial of LAX-101 (ethyl eicosapentaenoate [EPA]) as adjunct therapy in patients who remain depressed following treatment with standard antidepressant therapy

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**

LA01.01.0006

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

A multicentre, double-blind, randomised, parallel group, placebo-controlled trial of LAX-101 (ethyl eicosapentaenoate [EPA]) as adjunct therapy in patients who remain depressed following treatment with standard antidepressant therapy

**Study objectives**

Not provided at time of registration

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

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

Depression

**Interventions**

Two groups randomly allocated to:

1. Placebo
2. 1 g/day ethyl EPA  
on a double-blind basis.

Patients who completed the 12-week randomisation phase of the trial were invited to take part in a further 12-month open-label phase receiving 1 g/day ethyl EPA.

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Ethyl eicosapentaenoate

**Primary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Completion date**

01/01/2004

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Written informed consent
2. Score of greater than or equal to 16 on the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HDRS)
3. Treatment for greater than or equal to 8 weeks with one or more standard antidepressant, at stable dose for greater than or equal to 3 weeks
4. Currently receiving at least the minimum therapeutic dose of one or more standard antidepressant, as defined in the British National Formulary (BNF)
5. Diagnosis of major depressive disorder (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth edition [DSM-IV])
6. Male or female of any race aged 18-75

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Upper age limit**

75 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Not provided at time of registration

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

01/01/2004

## Locations

## Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

Scotland

## Study participating centre

Laxdale Ltd

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Laxdale Ltd (UK)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/03gc62f43>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Industry

### Funder Name

Laxdale Ltd (UK)

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes