

References

Adult disorders

1 World Health Organization. Schizophrenia: An International Follow-up Study. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, 1979. (AIV) Large outcome study with two-year follow-up, showed that only 10-15% of patients did not recover from their illness in that two-year period. Another shorter-term follow-up study (Lieberman J, Jody D, Geisler S et al. Time course and biologic correlates of treatment response in first episode schizophrenia. Arch Gen Psychiatry 1993, 50: 369-376) showed that 83% of first-episode psychotic patients treated with antipsychotic medication remitted by one year post-inpatient admission.

2 Kavanagh DJ. Recent developments in expressed emotion and schizophrenia. Br J Psychiatry 1992, 160: 601-620. (AIII) Family support and education, which promotes a more supportive family environment, can reduce relapse rates substantially.

3 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. At a Glance Guide to Medical Aspects of Fitness to Drive. URL <http://www.dvla.gov.uk>. Further information is available from The Senior Medical Adviser, DVLA, Driver Medical Unit, Longview Road, Morriston, Swansea SA99 ITU, Wales.

4 Atypical antipsychotics appear to be better tolerated, with fewer extrapyramidal side-effects, than typical drugs at therapeutic doses. Even at low doses, extrapyramidal side-effects are commonly experienced with typical drugs. Whether or not atypicals improve the long-term outcome has yet to be established. Risperidone, amisulpride and possibly olanzapine have a dose-related effect. Selected references:

4a American Psychiatric Association. Practice guidelines: schizophrenia. Am J Psychiatry 1997, 154(Suppl 4): 1-49. (BII) This reports 60% of patients receiving acute treatment with typical antipsychotic medication, develop significant extrapyramidal side-effects.

4b Mir S, Taylor D. Issues in schizophrenia. Pharmaceut J 1998, 261: 55-58. (CV) This work reviews evidence on efficacy, safety and patient tolerability of atypical antipsychotics. **4c** Duggan L, Fenton M, Dardennes RM et al. Olanzapine for schizophrenia (Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library. Oxford: Update Software, 1999. (CI) Twenty-one studies were analysed. Olanzapine was found to be an effective antipsychotic that produced fewer movement side-effects. It did tend to cause more weight gain than the older drugs, however.

4d Hunter RH, Joy CB, Kennedy E et al. Risperidone versus typical antipsychotic medication for schizophrenia (Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software (C1) Twenty-three studies were analysed. Risperidone might be equally clinically effective as relatively high doses of haloperidol. It causes fewer adverse effects than the side-effect-prone haloperidol.

5 National Institute for Clinical Excellence. Schizophrenia: Core Interventions in the Treatment and Management of Schizophrenia in Primary and Secondary Care. Clinical Guideline 1. December 2002. URL <http://www.nice.org.uk>. (AI)

6 Bollini P, Pampallona S, Orza MJ. Antipsychotic drugs: is more worse? A meta-analysis of the published randomized control trials. Psychol Med 1994, 24: 307-316. (AI) For most patients,

higher than moderate doses of antipsychotic drugs bring increased side-effects but no additional therapeutic gains.

7 Dixon LB, Lehman AF, Levine J. Conventional antipsychotic medications for schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Bull* 1995, 21(4): 567-577. (AI) This paper produces overwhelming evidence that continuing maintenance therapy reduces risk of relapse. The authors conclude that it is appropriate to taper or discontinue medication within six months to a year for first episode patients who experience a full remission of symptoms.

8 Taylor D, McConnell D, McConnel H, Kerwin R. The Bethlem and Maudsley NHS Trust Prescribing Guidelines 2001. London: Martin Dunitz Ltd, 2000.

9 United Kingdom Psychiatric Pharmacy Group (UKPPG). URL <http://www.UKPPG.co.uk>.

10a Mental Health Commission. Early Intervention in Psychosis: Guidance Note. Wellington, New Zealand, 1999.

b Falloon I, Coverdale J, Laidlaw T et al. Family management in the prevention of morbidity of schizophrenia: social outcome of a 2-year longitudinal study. *Psychol Med* 1997, 17: 59-66. (All) Involvement of the family is vital. Education is important for engaging individuals and families in treatment and promoting recovery. Psychological therapies may be helpful.

11 Department of Health. National Service Framework for Mental Health. London: HMSO, 1999.

12 Consensus (BV). As people reacting to stresses such as unemployment or divorce are at high risk of developing a mental disorder, studies on prevention in high-risk groups may be relevant. These support the offering of social support and problem-solving. [NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination. Mental health promotion in high-risk groups. *Effect Health Care Bull* 1997, 3(3): 1-10.]

13 Catalan J, Gath D, Edmonds G, Ennis J. The effects of not prescribing anxiolytics in general practice. *Br J Psychiatry* 1984, 144: 593-602. (BII) GP advice and reassurance is as effective as administration of benzodiazepines. The mean time spent by the GP for giving advice and reassurance was 12 minutes, compared with 10.5 minutes for giving a prescription.

14a Roth AD, Fonagy P. What Works For Whom? A Critical Review of Psychotherapy Research. New York: Guilford Press, 1996. (CII) The efficacy of counselling in primary-care settings is difficult to assess because of the methodological problems of available research. It seems more appropriate for milder presentations of disorders, however, than for more severe presentations, and evidence is better for counselling focused on a particular client group (eg relationship or bereavement counselling).

14b Bower P, Rowland N, Mellor Clark J et al. Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of counselling in primary care (Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (B1) Seven studies were analysed. Results showed that counselling is significantly more effective than 'usual care' in the short- but not the long-term. Satisfaction with counselling was high. Patients had a mix of 'emotional disorders'.

15 Rosenberg H. Prediction of controlled drinking by alcoholics and problem drinkers. *Psychol Bull* 1993, 113: 129-139. (BII) This is a qualitative review of the literature. Successful achievement of controlled drinking is associated with less severe dependence and a belief that controlled drinking is possible.

16 NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination. Brief interventions and alcohol use. *Effect Health Care Bull* 1993, 1: 1-12. (A1) Brief interventions, including assessing drinking and related problems, motivational feedback and advice, are effective. They are most successful for less severely affected patients.

17 Slattery J, Chick J, Cochrane M et al. Prevention of Relapse in Alcohol Dependence. Health Technology Assessment Report 3. Glasgow: Health Technology Board for Scotland, 2003. URL [\(A1\)](http://www.htbs.co.uk) [\(A1\)](http://www.htbs.co.uk) This study looked at treatments for individuals with alcohol dependence. Psychological treatments are effective but brief psychological treatments have no effect. Acamprosate and naltrexone showed significant beneficial effects.

18 Miller WR, Wilbourne PL. Mesa Grande: a methodological analysis of clinical trials of treatments for alcohol use disorders. *Addiction* 2002, 97(3): 265-277. (A1) Three hundred and sixty-one studies were analysed. There is strong evidence for the use of psychological treatments and the drugs acamprosate and naltrexone in treatment of alcohol use disorders.

19 McCrady B, Irvine S. Self-help groups. In: Hester R, Miller W (eds.) *Handbook of Alcoholism Treatment Approaches: Effective Alternatives*. 2nd edition. New York: Allyn and Bacon, 2003. (AIV) This chapter discusses the characteristics of patients who are good candidates for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Several studies show AA to be an important support in remaining alcohol-free to patients who are willing to attend.

20 American Psychiatric Association. *Practice Guidelines: Substance Use Disorders*, 1996. (BIV) Where patients have mild to moderate withdrawal symptoms, general support, reassurance and frequent monitoring is sufficient treatment for two thirds of them, without pharmacological treatment.

21 Collins MN, Burns T, Van den Berk PA, Tubman GF. A structured programme for out-patient alcohol detoxification. *Br J Psychiatry* 1990, 156: 871-874. (BIV)

22 Srisurapanont M, Jarusuraisin N. Opioid antagonists for alcohol dependence (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 1, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (B1) Nineteen studies were analysed. Naltrexone may decrease alcohol consumption in people with alcohol dependency but their compliance with treatment appears problematic. It should be given with psychological intervention.

23 Duncan D, Taylor D. Chlormethiazole or chlordiazepoxide in alcohol detoxification. *Psychiatr Bull* 1996, 20: 599-601. (AIV) This paper describes randomized controlled trials that show chlordiazepoxide and chlormethiazole to be of equal efficacy; however, chlordiazepoxide is a safer alternative (there is a risk of fatal respiratory depression with alcohol and chlormethiazole) and chlormethiazole is no longer recommended for outpatient use.

24 Cook CC, Hallwood PM, Thomson AD. B vitamin deficiency and neuropsychiatric syndromes in alcohol misuse. *Alcohol Alcoholism* 1998, 33(4): 317-336.

25 Kranzler H, Bursleson J, Del Boca F et al. Buspirone treatment of anxious alcoholics: a placebo-controlled trial. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 1994, 51: 720-731. (BII)

26 Hughes JC, Cook CC. The efficacy of disulfiram: a review of outcome studies *Addiction* 1997, 92(4): 381-395. (C1) Thirty-eight studies were analysed. Support for the general use of oral disulfiram is equivocal, mostly leading to reduced quantity of alcohol consumed and a reduced number of drinking days.

27 Alcohol Concern. Brief Interventions Guidelines. London, 1997. Available from Alcohol Concern, Waterbridge House, 32-36 Loman Street, London SE1 OEE, UK. Tel: +44 20 7928 7377. URL <http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk>.

28 Holder H, Longabaugh R, Miller W, Rubonis A. The cost effectiveness of treatment for alcoholism: a first approximation. *J Stud Alcohol* 1991, 52: 517-540. (AI) Treatments aim to improve self-control and social skills - for example, relationship skills, assertiveness and drink refusal.

29 Hunt G, Axrin N. A community reinforcement approach to alcoholism. *Behav Res Ther* 1973, 11: 91-104. (AI) This approach uses behavioural principles and includes training in job finding, support in developing alcohol free social and recreational activities, and an alcohol-free social club.

30 Raphael B. Preventive intervention with the recently bereaved. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 1997, 34: 1450-1454. (BIII) This work demonstrates that 'high-risk' bereaved people who receive counselling have fewer symptoms of lasting anxiety and tension than those who do not.

31 Kato PM, Mann T. A synthesis of psychological interventions for the bereaved. *Clin Psychol Rev* 1999, 19(3): 275-296. (C1) Fourteen studies were analysed. A slight improvement is seen for individual therapies.

32 Manic Depression Fellowship. *Inside Out: A Guide to Self-Management of Manic Depression*. London, 1995. Available from the Manic Depression Fellowship, 8-10 High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, London KT1 1EY, UK. This advice is based on self-management training, 7-12 sessions of which have been shown to increase time between manic episodes. See Perry A, Tarrier N, Morris R et al. Randomised control trial of efficacy of teaching patients with bipolar disorder to identify early symptoms of relapse and obtain treatment. *Br Med J* 1999, 318: 149-152. (BII) Teaching patients to recognise early symptoms of manic relapse and seek early treatment is associated with important clinical improvements in time to first manic relapse, social functioning, and employment.

33 Chou JC-Y. Recent advances in treatment of acute mania. *J Clin Psychopharm* 1991, 11: 3-21. (BII) Antipsychotics are effective in mania, and they appear to have a more rapid effect than lithium.

34 Rifkin A, Doddi S, Karajgi B et al. Dosage of haloperidol for mania. *Br J Psychiatry* 1994, 165: 113-116. (BII) Doses of haloperidol over 10 mg a day in management of mania confer no benefit.

35 American Psychiatric Association. *Practice Guidelines: Bipolar Disorder*. Washington, DC, 1996. (All) Four randomized control trials show that benzodiazepines are effective, in place of, or in conjunction with, a neuroleptic in sedating acutely agitated, manic patients.

36a Cookson J. Lithium: balancing risks and benefits. *Br J Psychiatry* 1997, 171: 113-119. (BIII)

36b Dali I. Mania. *Lancet* 1997, 349: 1157-1160.

36c Bowden C, Brugger A, Swann A et al. Efficacy of divalproex versus lithium and placebo in the treatment of mania. The Depakote Mania Study Group. *JAMA* 1994, 271: 918-924. (CII) This is a randomized controlled trial. Lithium is as effective as valproate and more effective than placebo.

36d A Cochrane Review will soon be available: Bhagwagar Z, Goodwin G, Geddes J. Lithium for acute mania (Protocol for a Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software.

37a Zornberg G, Pope H Jr. Treatment of depression in bipolar disorder: new directions for research. *J Clin Psychopharmacol* 1993, 13: 397-408. (BIII) A review of nine controlled studies shows a high response rate to lithium for acute bipolar depression. Response may take six to eight weeks to become evident, however.

37b A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Gijsman HJ, Rendell J, Geddes J, Nolen WA, Goodwin GM. Antidepressants for bipolar depression (Protocol for a Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software.

37c A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Bhagwagar Z, Goodwin G and Geddes J. Lithium for bipolar depression (Protocol for a Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software.

38a Goodwin G. Lithium revisited: a re-examination of the placebo-controlled trials of lithium prophylaxis in manic-depressive disorder. *Br J Psychiatry* 1995, 167: 573-574. (BIII) Trials show prophylactic use of lithium to be effective, although most trials have had methodological flaws.

38b Berghofer A, Kossmann B, Muller-Oerlinghausen B. Course of illness and pattern of recurrence in patients with affective disorders during long-term lithium prophylaxis: a retrospective analysis over 15 years. *Acta Psychiatr Scand* 1996, 93: 349-354. The prophylactic effect of lithium can be maintained over at least 10 years.

39 Burgess S, Geddes J, Hawton K, Townsend E, Jamieson K, Goodwin G. Lithium or maintenance treatment of mood disorders (Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 1, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (A1) Nine studies were analysed. Lithium was more effective than placebo in preventing relapse in bipolar disorder. Caution should be exercised in abruptly stopping lithium therapy in patients who have been taking it successfully for some time, because of the high risk of relapse.

40 Macritchie K, Geddes J, Scott J et al. Valproate for acute mood episodes in bipolar disorder (Cochrane Review). In: The Cochrane Library, Issue 1. Oxford: Update Software, 2003. (A1) Ten studies were analysed. No significant difference in efficacy was seen between valproate and lithium or between valproate and carbamazepine. Valproate might be less effective in reducing manic symptoms than olanzapine but it could cause less sedation and weight gain.

41 Schou M. Effects of long-term lithium treatment on kidney function: an overview. *J Psychiatry Res* 1988, 22: 287-296. This is a qualitative literature review.

42 Goodwin GM. Recurrence of mania after lithium withdrawal. Implications for the use of lithium in the treatment of bipolar affective disorder. *Br J Psychiatry* 1994, 164(2): 149-152. (BIII) Fourteen studies were analysed. More than 50% of new episodes of illness occurred within three months of treatment cessation. Lithium should not be introduced for the prophylactic treatment of bipolar illness unless or until the doctor and patient understand that it must be used for a minimum of two years. If after two years there is no worthwhile benefit, it is more likely that harm, in the form of premature recurrence of mania, will be done.

43 An Independent Working Group. Working Party on CFS/ME to the Chief Medical Officer for England and Wales. London: Department of Health, 2002.

44 Fukuda K, Strauss SE, Hickie I, Sharp M et al. and the International Chronic Fatigue Study Group. The Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: a comprehensive approach to its definition and study. *Ann Intern Med* 1994, 121: 953-959.

45 Abbey S, Garfinkel P. Chronic fatigue syndrome and depression: cause, effect or covariate. *Rev Infect Dis* 1991, 13(suppl 1): S73-S83.

46 Prins J, Bleijenberg G, Rouweler E et al. Doctor-patient relationship in primary care of chronic fatigue syndrome: Perspectives of the doctor and the patient. *J Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* 2001, 7: 3-15.

47 Butler C, Rollnick S. Missing the meaning and provoking resistance: a case of myalgic encephalomyelitis. *Family Pract* 1996, 13: 106-109.

48 Whiting P, Bagnall A, Sowden A et al. Interventions for the treatment and management of chronic fatigue syndrome: a systematic review. *JAMA* 2001, 286: 1360-1368. (AI) Forty-four studies were analysed. Interventions that have shown promising results include cognitive behavioural therapy and graded exercise therapy.

49 Fulcher K, White P. Randomised controlled trial of graded exercises in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome. *Br Med J* 1997, 314: 1647-1652. (All) Fatigue, functional capacity and fitness were significantly better after exercise than after flexibility treatment in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome.

50 Powell P, Bentall R, Nye F, Edwards R. Randomised controlled trial of patient education to encourage graded exercise in chronic fatigue syndrome. *Br Med J* 2001, 322: 387-390. (All) Treatment of patients with Chronic fatigue syndrome incorporating evidence-based physiological explanations for symptoms was effective in encouraging self-managed graded exercise. This resulted in substantial improvement compared with standardized medical care.

51 Price JR, Couper J. Cognitive behaviour therapy for chronic fatigue syndrome in adults (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 4, 1998. Oxford: Update Software. (AI) Three studies were analysed. Cognitive behaviour therapy appears to be an effective and acceptable treatment for adult outpatients with chronic fatigue syndrome.

52 Essame C, Phelan S, Aggett P, White P. Pilot study of a multidisciplinary inpatient rehabilitation of severely incapacitated patients with chronic fatigue syndrome. *J Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* 1998, 4: 51-60. (CIV) This is a descriptive outcome study of multidisciplinary inpatient rehabilitation. Intervention might be effective, but the studies carried out have not been well controlled.

53 Cox, Findley L. Severe and very severe patients with chronic fatigue syndrome: perceived outcome following an inpatient programme. *J Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* 2000, 7: 33-47. (CIV) This is a descriptive outcome study of an inpatient unit. There is a tentative trend towards positive outcomes.

54 Consensus, plus some - usually small - trials. For example, Donnan P, Hutchinson A, Paxton R et al. Self help materials for anxiety: a randomized controlled trial in general practice. *Br J Gen Pract* 1990, 40: 498-501. (BV) An audiotape and booklet were given to patients with chronic anxiety. Intervention led to reduced scores for depression, as well as for anxiety.

55 Lima M, Moncrieff J. Drugs versus placebo for the treatment of dysthymia (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (AI) Fifteen studies were

analysed. There is some evidence of efficacy of most antidepressants in dysthymia (chronic, mild depressive syndrome) that has been present for at least two years.

56 McLean J, Pietroni P. Self care - who does best? *Soc Sci Med* 1990, 30(5): 591-596. (BIII) This describes a controlled trial of a general-practice-based class teaching self-care skills, relaxation, stress management, medication, nutrition and exercise. Significant improvements were seen and maintained after one year.

57 Catalan J, Gath DH, Anastasiades P et al. Evaluation of a brief psychological treatment for emotional disorders in primary care. *Psychol Med* 1991, 21: 1013-1018. (BII) This paper describes a small randomized control trial. Patients - selected for high symptom scores - did significantly better with problem-solving therapy than with routine care. Other patients - with lower symptom scores - who were not treated showed similar improvement to the treated group.

58a Roth AD, Fonagy P. *What Works For Whom? A Critical Review of Psychotherapy Research*. New York: Guilford Press, 1996. (CII) This work concludes that the efficacy of counselling in primary-care settings is difficult to assess because of the methodological problems of available research. Counselling seems more appropriate for milder than for more severe disorders, and evidence seems better for counselling focused on a particular client group (eg relationship or bereavement counselling).

58b See reference 14b.

59 Adams CE, Eisenbruch M. Depot fluphenazine for schizophrenia (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (CI) The use of depot fluphenazine continues to be based on clinical judgement rather than on evidence from methodical evaluation within trials.

60 Kendrick T, Millar E, Burns T, Ross F. Practice nurse involvement in giving depot neuroleptic injections: development of a patient assessment and monitoring checklist. *Prim Care Psychiatry* 1998, 4(3): 149-154 (AIV) Of the 25% of people with schizophrenia who have no specialist contact, many have a practice nurse as their only regular professional contact. Levels of knowledge of schizophrenia and its treatment of those nurses was often no better than a lay person's.

61 Kemp R, Kirov G, Everitt B, David A. A randomised controlled trial of compliance therapy: 18-month follow-up. *Br J Psychiatry* 1998, 172: 413-419. (AII) Patients who received specific counselling regarding their attitudes towards their illness and drug treatment were five times more likely to take medication without prompting compared with controls.

62 Pharoah FM, Mari JJ, Streiner D. Family intervention for schizophrenia (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (AI) Thirteen studies were analysed. Families receiving this intervention, which promotes a more supportive family environment, can expect the family member with schizophrenia to relapse less and to be in hospital less.

63 Cormac I, Jones C, Campbell C, Silveira da Mota Neto J. Cognitive behaviour therapy for schizophrenia (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (AI) Thirteen studies were analysed. Four small trials show that cognitive behaviour therapy is associated with substantially reduced risk of relapse.

64 Rabins PV. Psychosocial and management aspects of delirium. *Int Psychoger* 1991, 3(2): 319-324. (BV) This is a review of 21 papers, concluding that the evidence base is very thin.

65a Inouye SK, Bogardus ST Jr, Charpentier PA et al. A multicomponent intervention to prevent delirium in hospitalized older patients. *N Engl J Med* 1999, 340: 669-676. (CIII) Intervention was associated with significant improvement in the degree of cognitive impairment among patients with cognitive impairment at admission, and with a reduction in the rate of use of sleep medication among all patients.

65b A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Britton A, Russell R. Multidisciplinary team interventions for delirium in patients with chronic cognitive impairment (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software Issue 4, 2003.

66 Rummans TA, Evans JM, Krahn LE, Fleming KC. Delirium in elderly patients: evaluation and management. *Mayo Clinic Proc* 1995, 70(10): 989-998. (BV). This reviews 55 papers, concluding that the evidence base is thin.

67 Ballard C, Grace J, McKeith I et al. Neuroleptic sensitivity in dementia with Lewy bodies and Alzheimer's disease. *Lancet* 1998, 351: 1032-1033. (CV) This is a case-register study. Other interventions should be explored before the use of neuroleptics in patients with dementia, particularly in those with dementia with Lewy bodies.

68 Eccles M, Clark J, Livingstone M et al. North of England evidence-based guidelines development project: guidelines for the primary-care management of dementia. *Br Med J* 1998, 317: 802-808.

69 National Institute for Clinical Excellence. Guidance on the Use of Donepezil, Rivastigmine and Galantamine for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease (Technology appraisal guidance 19). London: NICE, 2001. URL <http://www.nice.org.uk>. (AI)

70 Areosa Sastre A, Sherriff F. Memantine for dementia (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 1, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (BI) Seven studies were analysed. Results are awaited from two large trials, but those to date suggest a small beneficial effect from 20 or 30 mg/day of memantine on cognitive function measured at 6 and 28 weeks and on global function in patients with mild to moderately severe Alzheimer's disease, vascular and mixed dementia.

71 Reisberg B, Doody R, Stoffler A et al. Memantine in moderate-to-severe Alzheimer's disease. *N Engl J Med* 2003, 348(14): 1333-1341. (BII) Memantine reduced clinical deterioration in moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease, a phase associated with distress for patients and burden on caregivers, for which other treatments are not available. It was not associated with a significant frequency of adverse events.

72 NICE will publish a guideline on the management of depression in February 2004.

73 Lawlor DA, Hopker SW. The effectiveness of exercise as an intervention in the management of depression: systematic review and meta-regression analysis of randomised controlled trials. *Br Med J* 2001, 322: 763-767. (BI) Fourteen studies were analysed. The effectiveness of exercise in reducing symptoms of depression cannot be determined because of a lack of good-quality research on clinical populations with adequate follow-up.

74 Greden JF. Anxiety or caffeinism: a diagnosis dilemma. *Am J Psychiatry* 1974, 131: 1089-1092. (AV)

75 Schuckit M. Alcohol and major depressive disorder: a clinical perspective. *Acta Psychiatrica Scand* 1994, 377: 28-32. (AIV)

76 Wallin M, Rissanen A. Food and mood: relationship between food, serotonin and affective disorders. *Acta Psychiatr Scand* 1994, 377(Suppl): 36-40. (CV) Quoted in Guidelines for the Treatment and Management of Depression by Primary Health Care Professionals. National Health Committee of New Zealand, 1996.

77 Schulberg H, Katon W, Simon G, Rush AJ. Best clinical practice: guidelines for managing major depression in primary care. *J Clin Psychiatry* 1999, 60(Suppl 7): 19-24. (BII) The authors conclude that recovery rates for an acute episode of major depression in primary care are similar for guideline-driven pharmacotherapy and depression-specific psychotherapies, such as interpersonal therapy and problem-solving treatments. Medication takes four to six weeks to show effect and psychotherapies six to eight weeks. Another conclusion from this paper is that recent randomized controlled trials conducted in primary care show a 50-60% response rate to all classes of antidepressants in primary-care patients.

78 Lave J, Frank R, Schulberg H, Kamlet M. Cost-effectiveness of treatments for major depression in primary care practice. *Arch Gen Psychiatry* 1998, 55(7): 645-51. (BII) The authors describe a high-quality randomized control trial comparing standardized treatment by nortriptyline, interpersonal psychotherapy and primary physician's usual care (n >90 for each group) for major depression in primary care. Both standardized therapies were better than usual care, and more expensive. Those taking drugs did slightly better with respect to both quality of life and economic outcomes.

79 Paykel E, Hollyman J, Freeling P, Sedgwick P. Prediction of therapeutic benefit from amitriptyline in mild depression: a general practice, placebo-controlled trial. *J Affective Disord* 1988, 14: 83-95. (BIII) Antidepressants do not show efficacy in mild, acute depression.

80 NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York. The treatment of depression in primary care. *Effect Health Care* 1993, March(5): 1-12. (All) Effective strategies to improve the detection and appropriateness of treatment of depression in primary care are available.

81a Prien R, Kupfer D. Continuation drug therapy for major depressive episodes: how long should it be maintained? *Am J Psychiatry* 1986, 143: 18-23. (BII) The authors conclude that patients treated for a first episode of uncomplicated depression, who respond well to an antidepressant, should receive a full therapeutic dose for at least 16-20 weeks after achieving full remission.

81b A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Carney S, Geddes JR, Furukawa T et al. Duration of treatment with antidepressants in depressive disorder (Protocol for a Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software Issue 4, 2003.

82a Reimherr F, Amsterdam J, Quitkin F et al. Optimal length of continuation therapy in depression: a prospective assessment during long-term fluoxetine treatment. *Am J Psychiatry* 1998, 155: 1247-1253. (BIII)

82b A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Cipriani A, Brambilla P, Barbui C, Hotopf M. Fluoxetine versus other types of pharmacotherapy for depression (Protocol for a Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software Issue 4, 2003.

83 Kupfer D, Frank E, Perel J et al. Five-year outcomes for maintenance therapy: possible mechanisms and treatments. *J Clin Psychiatry* 1998, 59: 279-288. 260 References 05-WHO-(Refs)-resize-cpp 19/1/2004 2:33 pm Page 260 This is a study carried out by psychiatric patients. There are no comparable clinical trials of the efficacy of maintenance treatment in reducing recurrence of depression in primary care.

84 Donoghue J. Sub-optimal use of tricyclic antidepressants in primary care: Editorial. *Acta Psychiatrica Scand* 1998, 98(6): 429-431. (CV)

85 Furukawa TA, McGuire H, Barbui C. Meta-analysis of effects and side-effects of low dosage tricyclic antidepressants in depression: systematic review. *Br Med J* 2002, 325: 991-995. (AI) Treatment of depression in adults with low dose tricyclics is justified.

85b A Cochrane Review will soon be available. Furukawa T, McGuire H, Barbui C. Low dosage tricyclic antidepressants for depression (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 4, 2003. Oxford: Update Software.

86 Linde K, Mulrow CD. St John's wort for depression (Cochrane Review). In: *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 2, 2003. Oxford: Update Software. (AI) Twenty-seven studies were analysed. St John's Wort demonstrated beneficial effects in mild and moderate depressive disorders. St John's Wort extracts have fewer short-term side-effects than older antidepressants; however, the preparations available on the market could vary considerably in their pharmaceutical quality.

87 Thiede HM, Walper A. Inhibition of MAO and CoMT by Hypericum extracts and hypericin. *J Geriatr Psychiatr Neurol* 1994, 7(Suppl 1): S54-S56.

88 Interactions with tyramine-containing foods (eg beans, some cheeses, yeast, bovril, bananas, pickled herrings), are theoretically possible. However, there is, to date, an absence of spontaneous reports of these problems occurring.

89 Izzo AA, Ernst E. Interactions between herbal medicines and prescribed drugs: a systematic review. *Drugs* 2001, 15: 2163-75. (BIII) Interactions between herbal medicines and synthetic drugs exist and can have serious clinical consequences. Healthcare professionals should ask their patients about the use of herbal products and consider the possibility of herb-drug interactions.

90a DeRubeis RJ, Crits-Cristoph P. Empirically supported individual and group psychological treatments for adult mental disorders. *J Consulting Clin Psychol* 1998, 66(1): 37-52. (BI) This work supports cognitive behaviour therapy, behaviour therapy and structured problem-solving. Studies reviewed are based in secondary care.

90b Churchill R, Hunot V, Corney R et al. A systematic review of controlled trials of the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of brief psychological treatments for depression. *Health Technol Assess* 2001, 5(35): 1-173. (AI) Brief psychological treatments, particularly those derived from cognitive/behavioural models, are beneficial in the treatment of people with depression managed outside the hospital setting.

90c Mynors-Wallis LM, Gath DH, Lloyd-Thomas AR, Tomlinson D. Randomised controlled trial comparing problem-solving treatment with amitriptyline and placebo for major depression in primary care. *Br Med J* 1995, 310: 441-445. (AII) Where the therapies have been compared with each other, none appears clearly superior to the others. More variance in outcomes may be due to the strength of the therapeutic relationship, rather than to the treatment method used. Problem-solving is the easiest therapy to learn and can be provided by GPs and primary-care nurses. Brief cognitive behaviour therapy is difficult to deliver, even using trained therapists (Scott J. Editorial: Psychological treatments for depression - an update. *Br J Psychiatry* 1995, 167: 289-292). Evidence for the effectiveness of therapies in depression in primary care tends to be weaker than in major depressive disorder in secondary care.

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