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Head-to-head study of Cipralex® and citalopram

In the peer-reviewed scientific journal *International Clinical Psychopharmacology*, a team of French scientists recently announced the results of a head-to-head study which confirm that Cipralex®/Lexapro® is significantly more effective than citalopram in the treatment of depression. No studies of this kind have previously been conducted with Cipralex®.

The study shows that Cipralex® is significantly more effective than citalopram in the treatment of depression and that both drugs are particularly well-tolerated. The study confirms the consistent findings of earlier scientific studies, which show that Cipralex® is superior to citalopram.

The double-blind randomised study enrolled 294 patients. The patients were treated either with 20mg Cipralex® or 40mg citalopram for eight weeks. The results at the completion of the study show that Cipralex® is significantly more effective in terms of the primary endpoint – improvement of disease symptoms ($p < 0.05$). The number of patients responding to the treatment was significantly higher in the group of patients treated with Cipralex® ($p = 0.009$), and the number of symptom-free patients at the end of the study was also significantly higher among the patients who had received Cipralex® ($p < 0.05$).

Both Cipralex® and citalopram were particularly well-tolerated in the study. However, a significantly higher number of patients treated with Cipralex® completed the study compared with patients treated with citalopram ($p < 0.05$).

The content of this release will have no influence on the Lundbeck Group's expectations for the financial result for 2005.

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