

Supplementary Material

Supplementary Table 1: *Comprehensive search strategies by database.*

Databases	Search strategies
Cochrane	"open label placebo" OR "non deceptive placebo" AND "depressive disorder, major" OR "major depressive disorder" OR "depression" OR "depressive symptoms" OR "depression severity" OR "depressive symptoms score" OR "depression rating scale"
PsycINFO	Keywords: open label placebo OR Keywords: non deceptive placebo AND Keywords: major depressive disorder OR Keywords: depression OR Keywords: depressive symptoms OR Keywords: depression severity OR Keywords: depressive symptoms score OR Keywords: depression rating scale AND Methodology: Clinical Trial
PMC	((("open label placebo"[All Fields]) OR ("non deceptive placebo"[All Fields])) AND (("depressive disorder, major"[MeSH Terms]) OR ("major depressive disorder"[All Fields]) OR ("depression"[All Fields]) OR ("depressive symptoms"[All Fields]) OR ("depression severity"[All Fields]) OR ("depressive symptoms score"[All Fields]) OR ("depression rating scale"[All Fields])))
Clinical Trials	AREA[ConditionSearch](Depression) AND AREA[BasicSearch](Depression Scale Score) AND AREA[InterventionSearch](Open-Label Placebo) AND AREA[StdAge](ADULT OR OLDER_ADULT)
Scopus	(TITLE-ABS-KEY("open label placebo") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("non deceptive placebo") AND TITLE-ABS-KEY("depressive disorder major") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depression major") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("major depressive disorder") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depression") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depressive symptoms") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depression severity") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depressive symptoms score") OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("depression rating scale"))
PubMed	((("open label placebo"[All Fields]) OR ("non deceptive placebo"[All Fields])) AND (("depressive disorder, major"[MeSH Terms]) OR ("major depressive disorder"[All Fields]) OR ("depression"[All Fields]) OR ("depressive symptoms"[All Fields]) OR ("depression severity"[All Fields]) OR ("depressive symptoms score"[All Fields]) OR ("depression rating scale"[All Fields])))