# **Supplementary Online Content**

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**eAppendix**. Clinic by Treatment **eTable**. Serious Adverse Events

This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

### eAppendix. Clinic by Treatment

Controlling for clinic (as either a fixed effect or random effect) made very little difference in the citalopram effect estimates. To see if the treatment effects differed by clinic, we tested for a treatment by clinic by linear time interaction using the longitudinal mixed model and it was not significant (p = 0.42); however, that test is poorly powered. So we also looked at the estimate of the citalopram minus placebo difference at week 9 at all clinics using the mixed effects means model to look for qualitative differences in the effect estimate. The smallest estimated difference at week 9 by clinic was -0.8 and the largest was -1.2 (compared to the overall difference of -0.9) so we believe that the treatment effects were similar across clinics and the estimates were not driven by clinic interactions

	Total	Citalopram	Placebo	
Total serious adverse events (SAEs)	15	8	7	

## Serious adverse events for citalopram (8 SAEs)

SR#	Event	Weeks since rz	Age	Gender	Outcome
1	Change in mental status	1	85	М	Hospitalized; patient continued study treatment
2	Cellulitis	1	71	F	Hospitalized treated with antibiotics
	SR #2 update: Sepsis		71	F	Hospitalized; patient found to be hyponatremic which normalized; discontinued study drug
4	Adverse reaction to IV contrast	8	77	М	Hospitalized; patient discontinued study drug
	SR #4 update: Pneumonia		77	М	Patient diagnosed with pneumonia and treated with antibiotics; discharged from hospital
5	Surgical removal of infected plate in left wrist	5	82	F	Hospitalized; patient continued study treatment
6	Increased agitation	2	74	М	Hospitalized; patient continued study treatment

SR#	Event	Weeks since rz	Age	Gender	Outcome
7	Fall	4	80	F	Hospitalized; became more agitated and was treated with haldol and cogentin; study drug compliance unclear
	SR #7 update: Syncope		80	F	Hospitalized
8	Syncope/ Hypotension	2	78	F	Hospitalized; study medication dose reduced
12	Chest pain	8	72	F	Hospitalized; study drug stopped and restarted; evaluated for myocardial infarction; Possible Gastroesophageal reflux disease; discharged

## Serious adverse events for placebo (7 SAEs, including 1 death)

SR#	Event	Weeks since rz	Age	Gender	Outcome
3	Cancer-lung	1	75	M	Cancer metastasized throughout body; hospice notified
	SR #3 update: death		75	М	Death
9	Change in mental status	8	81	F	Hospitalized; medical work-up negative; diagnosis given "end stage AD"; placement in long-term hospice

10	Abdominal pain	8	84	М	Hospitalized; undergoing evaluation
	SR#10 update: Acute back pain		84	М	Study treatment terminated; medical work-up negative; discharged on Seroquel and Tylenol
11	Skin rash and itching; increased behavioral lack of control	3	81	М	Hospitalized; stopped study medication; found to have UTI; received antibotics and sertraline and seroquel; discharged
13	Increased agitation	<1	82	М	Hospitalized, study drug continued; lorazepam also used as needed
14	Altered mental status	3	76	F	Hospitalized; study drug terminated; seroquel administered; stabilized; discharged to nursing home
15	Broken hip	2	86	F	Fell at home; required surgery; hospitalized; study drug terminated

### Scales used in CitAD:

Activities of Daily Living (ADCS-ADL)

• **ADL** – ADCS-ADL score (range 0-78 where higher scores indicate less functional impairment).

Clinical Global Impression of Change (ADCS-CGIC)

- **CGIC\_Overall** overall clinical score (range 1-7 where 1 indicates marked improvement and 7 indicates marked worsening from baseline).
- **CGIC\_Agitation** agitation subscore (range 1-7 where 1 indicates marked improvement and 7 indicates marked worsening from baseline).

Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory Scale (CMAI)

• **CMAI** – overall score (range 14-70 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).

Get Up and Go (GUG)

- **GUG\_performance** performance rated on the basis of fall risk during test (range 1-5 where 1 is normal and 5 is severely abnormal).
- $GUG\_record$  the ability to walk for the GUG test (1 = Yes, 0 = No).
- **GUG\_time** time to complete the GUG test (in seconds).

Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE)

• **MMSE** – overall score (range 0-30 where higher scores indicate better functioning).

Neurobehavioral Rating scale (NBRS)

- **NBRS** overall score (range 0-168 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NBRS-Agitation** agitation subscore (range 0-18 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).

Neuropsychiatric Inventory (NPI)

- **TotalNPI** overall score (range 0-144 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_AberrantMotor** aberrant motor behavior subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).

- **NPI\_Agitation** agitation/aggression subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Anxiety** anxiety subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Apathy** apathy/indifference subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Appetite** appetite and eating disorders subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Delusion** delusions subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Depression** depression/dysphoria subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Disinhibition** disinhibition subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Elation** elation/euphoria subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Hallucination** hallucinations subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Irritability** irritability/liability subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_NonMood** non-mood domain score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).
- **NPI\_Sleep** sleep and nighttime behavior disorders subscale score (range 0-12 where higher scores indicate more severe symptoms).

### **Caregiver Distress**

• **Distress** – NPI caregiver distress score (range 0-60 where higher scores indicate greater caregiver distress).