

# 10. Homeopathy & hay fever

---

**10.1. Effects of Homeopathic medicines on Hay fever** - Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital; University Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and Department of Statistics, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

**Citation and Link:**

David Taylor Reilly, Charles Mcsharry, Morag A. Taylor, Tom Aitchison, "Is Homoeopathy A Placebo Response? Controlled Trial Of Homoeopathic Potency, With Pollen In Hayfever As Model", *The Lancet*, Volume 328, Issue 8512, Pages 881 - 886, 18 October 1986.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2886%2990410-1/abstract>

**Aim:**

"The hypothesis that homoeopathic potencies are placebos was tested in a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial."

**Results:**

*"The homoeopathically treated patients showed a significant reduction in patient and doctor assessed symptom scores. The significance of this response was increased when results were corrected for pollen count and the response was associated with a halving of the need for antihistamines. No evidence emerged to support the idea that placebo action fully explains the clinical responses to homoeopathic drugs."*