

Supplementary Data

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. TRIALS IN WHICH LT3+LT4 THERAPY WAS GIVEN ONCE DAILY TO TREAT HYPOTHYROID PATIENTS

| Publications | Study design | LT3 therapy duration (weeks) | Patients who received LT3 (n) | Mean age (years) | LT3 dosage (mcg/day) | HR variation vs. LT4 (bpm) | SBP variation vs. LT4 (mmHg) | LT3-related ADR |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Bunevicius, <i>et al.</i> (S1) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 10 | 33 (31 F) | 46±13 ^a | 12.5 | +3 | No change | None |
| Bunevicius and Prange (S2) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 10 | 26 F | 45±9 | 12.5 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Bunevicius <i>et al.</i> (S3) | Crossover, double-blind | 10 | 10 F | 34 | 10 | -8 | N/A | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Walsh <i>et al.</i> (S4) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 20 | 110 (101 F) | 47±11 | 10 | -1.5 | No change | No difference compared with the LT4 group 2 pts withdrew due to worsening symptoms |
| Siegmund <i>et al.</i> (S5) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 24 | 23 (20 F) | 23-69 | 6.5 | No change | +7 | 1 pt withdrew due to palpitations 1 pt withdrew due to AF (TSH <0.01) |
| Saravanan <i>et al.</i> (S6) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 48 | 344 (286 F) | 57±11 | 10 | +2.2 | -6.4 | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Rodriguez <i>et al.</i> (S7) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 12 | 27 (23 F) | 47 | 10 | No change | No change | Headache, difficulty sleeping, and muscle weakness at least 10% more likely |
| Appelhof <i>et al.</i> (S8) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 15 | 93 (79 F) | 48.3±9 | 1: 10 1.5 (T3:T4 molar) | +3.9 +7 | +4 +12 | Osteocalcin increased 1 pt had atrial premature beats |
| Escobar-morreale <i>et al.</i> (S9) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 16 | 28 F | 48±11 | 5 or 7.5 | -3 | No change | No ADR reported in the paper |
| Regalbuto <i>et al.</i> (S10) | Nonrandomized, noncontrolled | 28 | 20 (17 F) | 46±8 | 5.7 or 21.4 | No change | No change | Osteocalcin increased |
| Slawik <i>et al.</i> (S11) | Crossover, double-blind | 5 | 29 (8 F) | 51±2 | 13.4 (mean) | No change | No change | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Nygaard <i>et al.</i> (S12) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 24 | 59 (55 F) | 46 | 20 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Fadayevev <i>et al.</i> (S13) | Randomized, controlled | 24 | 16 F | 40 | 12.5 | No change | N/A | Urine deoxyypyridinoline increased |
| Trimboli <i>et al.</i> (S14) | Noncontrolled | 6.4 | 21 (16 F) | 43±12 | Liquid LT3 7.3±3.4 | N/A | N/A | No reported ADR |
| Kaminski <i>et al.</i> (S15) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 16 | 32 (30 F) | 42.6±13.3 | 15 | +3 | No change | No reported ADR |
| Krysiak <i>et al.</i> (S16) | Quasi-randomized, single-blind | 24 | 17 F | 31±6 | 8.8±1.7 | N/A | N/A | 2 women withdrew due to tachycardia, nervousness, heat intolerance, and weight loss |

^aMean ± SD.

ADR, adverse drug reactions; bpm, beat per minute; F, female number; HR, heart rate; LT3, liothyronine; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

Supplementary Table S2. Trials in which LT3+LT4 therapy was given twice daily to treat hypothyroid patients

| Publications | Study design | LT3 therapy duration (weeks) | Patients who received LT3 (n) | Mean age (years) | LT3 dosage (mcg/twice daily) | HR variation Vs. LT4 (bpm) | SBP variations Vs. LT4 (mmHg) | LT3-related ADR |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Sawka <i>et al.</i> (S17) | Placebo, control, double-blind | 15 | 20 (17 F) | 25–75 | 12.5 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the LT4 group |
| Clyde <i>et al.</i> (S18) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 16 | 23 (19 F) | 43 ± 11 ^a | 7.5 | No change | No change | 1 pt withdrew due to tremulousness, fatigue, and poor performance |
| Valizadeh <i>et al.</i> (S19) | Controlled, randomized, double-blind | 16 | 30 (24 F) | 39 ± 11 | 6.3 | No change | No change | 4 pts withdrew because of palpitation |
| Solter <i>et al.</i> (S20) | Open-label | 36 | 15 (14 F) | 31–55 | 10 | N/A | N/A | None |

^aMean ± SD.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S3. TRIALS IN WHICH LT3 THERAPY WAS GIVEN DAILY AS ADJUVANT IN PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS

| Publication | Study design | LT3 therapy duration (weeks) | Patients who received LT3 (n) | Mean age (years) | LT3 dosage (mcg/day) | HR variation (bpm) | SBP variation (mmHg) | LT3-related ADR |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| Coppen <i>et al.</i> (S21) | Placebo, controlled | 2 | 14 (7 F) | 56 ± 4 ^a | 25 | N/A | N/A | 2 out of 3 bipolar patients experienced manic symptoms |
| Gitlin <i>et al.</i> (S22) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 4 | 16 (7 F) | 41 | 25 | No change | No change | Some reported muscle twitching and insomnia |
| Joffe (S23) | Crossover, double-blind | 5 | 22 (13 F) | 38.3 ± 11 | 25-37.5 | N/A | N/A | None |
| Joffe and Singer (S24) | Randomized, double-blind | 3 | 17 (9 F) | 34.5 | 37.5 | N/A | N/A | None |
| Appelhof <i>et al.</i> (S25) | Placebo, controlled, randomized, double-blind | 8 | 60(36 F) | 46 ± 11 | 25 or 50 | N/A | N/A | 4 patients had palpitations, sweating, nervousness, and tremor |
| Nierenberg <i>et al.</i> (S26) | Randomized, nonblinded | 14 | 73 (41 F) | 43 ± 11 | 45.2 ± 11.4 (mean) | N/A | N/A | 10 pts on LT3 50 mcg had severe function limiting symptoms |
| Abraham <i>et al.</i> (S27) | Noncontrolled, nonblinded | 3.5 | 12 (8 F) | 48 ± 17 | 25-50 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the other non-LT3 group |
| Cooper-Kazaz <i>et al.</i> (S28) | Placebo, controlled, double-blind, randomized | 8 | 53 (29 F) | 45.15 | 20-50 | N/A | N/A | 1 pt withdrew due to increased anxiety and agitation |
| Posternak <i>et al.</i> (S29) | Placebo, controlled, double-blind, randomized | 6 | 23 (13 F) | 40 ± 9 | 25 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the other non-LT3 group (palpitations, sweating, and nervousness) |
| Garlow <i>et al.</i> (S30) | Placebo, controlled, double-blind, randomized | 8 | 76 (44 F) | 43 ± 10 | 25-50 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the other non-LT3 group |
| Mohagheghi <i>et al.</i> (S31) | Controlled, double-blind | 8 | 30 (23 F) | 34 ± 8 | 50 | N/A | N/A | No difference compared with the other non-LT3 group (tremulousness, sweating, feeling jittery, palpitations, chest pain, and feeling hot) |
| Walshaw <i>et al.</i> (S32) | Placebo, controlled, double-blind | 16 | 10 (6 F) | 37 ± 7 | LT3 titrated T3-resin uptake = 0.65-1.36 units | N/A | N/A | None |

^aMean ± SD.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S4. TRIALS IN WHICH LT3 WAS GIVEN FOR METABOLIC PURPOSES

| <i>Publication</i> | <i>Study design</i> | <i>LT3 therapy duration (weeks)</i> | <i>Patients who received LT3 (n)</i> | <i>Mean age (years)</i> | <i>LT3 dosage (mcg/day)</i> | <i>HR variation (bpm)</i> | <i>SBP variation (mmHg)</i> | <i>LT3-related ADR</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Gwinup and Poucher (S33) | Controlled, randomized | 30 | 8 | N/A | 275 (mean) | +18 | +9 | 2 pts dropped out due to nervousness and high HR 1 pt developed hyperglycemia |
| Hollingsworth <i>et al.</i> (S34) | Placebo controlled, randomized, double-blind | 12 | 9 (2 F) | 27–68 | 225 | + (8–32) | No constant pattern | All pts developed tachycardia 1 pt had AFIB 1 pt noted nervousness, palpitations, and weakness 6 were aware of a mild tremor |
| Bray <i>et al.</i> (S35) | Crossover, randomized, double-blind | 10 | 12 (6 F) | 17–50 | 225 | +7.5 ± 2 | No change | Weight loss primarily was from lean body tissue Only 6 patients had unspecific symptoms |
| Gardner <i>et al.</i> (S36) | Nonrandomized, noncontrolled | 0.47 | 7 males | 19–37 | 5 mcg LT3 every 3 hours × 20 | N/A | N/A | Urea excretion was 9.1% higher in patients receiving LT3 during fasting |
| Moore <i>et al.</i> (S37) | Placebo, controlled, double-blind | 12 | 8 | N/A | 60 | N/A | N/A | 4 patients left the study due to side effects |
| Koppeschaar <i>et al.</i> (S38) | Placebo, controlled | 2 | 10 | N/A | 150 | N/A | N/A | Nitrogen losses increased markedly during LT3 treatment, and they increased insulin resistance |
| Pasquali <i>et al.</i> (S39) | Placebo, controlled | 11 | 14 (8 F) | 37 | 40 | N/A | N/A | None |
| Rosenbaum <i>et al.</i> (S40) | Crossover, randomized, single-blind, | 5 | 22 (13 F) | 32.2 ± 8 ^a | 25 | +2 | No change | Increased norepinephrine excretion |

^aMean ± SD.

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