

Homeopathy Research – A selection of quality papers

1. Pilot study of the effect of individualised homeopathy on the pruritus associated with atopic dermatitis in dogs

This is an excellent pilot study by Jack Hoare MRCVS and Peter Hill of the Vet School in Bristol. It is an important positive step for homeopathy research and points the way to a large randomised controlled trial in canine atopic dermatitis. [View the paper here](#)

Link to: Ref: <http://veterinaryrecord.bvapublications.com/cgi/content/abstract/164/12/364>

2. The Research Evidence Base for Homeopathy

A two page evidence summary taken from the Faculty of Homeopathy. [View the paper here](#)

3. Studies on Use of Homeopathy in Animals

Susan G. Wynn, JAVMA, Vo212, No5, March 1, 1998

A dispassionate review of the majority of the current studies on veterinary homeopathy. Many with negative as well as positive results. This is an intelligent article showing both sides of the argument and concluding that we don't really know, using current trial methods, the true effects of using homeopathy in animals. This paper has 48 references for further reading.

4. Is homeopathy a placebo response? Controlled trial of homeopathic potency, with pollen in hay fever as a model.

Reilly DT et al., Lancet 1986, Oct18;2(8512):881-6

David Taylor Reilly's groundbreaking paper describing his double blind randomized crossover trial demonstrating the physiological effect of potentised pollen on human hay fever sufferers. This is a solid and extremely well constructed trial showing the effect of remedies on the body. The mechanisms are still unclear, but the effect is very shown here to be very real.

5. Is evidence for homeopathy reproducible?

Reilly D, Lancet 1994 Dec 10;334(8937):1601-6

A second paper from the Glasgow Royal Infirmary team demonstrating the reproducibility of trials similar to the hay fever trial above. As the abstract profoundly (and disconcertingly) remarks; is the reproducibility or evidence in favour of homeopathy proof of its activity or proof of the clinical trial's capacity to produce false-positive results?

6. Effect of homeopathic treatment on fibrositis (primary fibromyalgia).

Peter Fisher et al. BMJ, Vol 299, 5 August 1989.

A small, but nonetheless impressive small double blind, placebo controlled crossover trial on the use of Rhus tox 6c on a cohort of patients demonstrating symptom modalities typical of the remedy. Good to read if you want to be impressed quickly!

7. Control of stillbirths in pigs using homeopathy.

CEI Day, Vet. Rec. 1984, 114, 216.

A beautifully pragmatic trial by Chris Day. The fact that this trial was accepted by the Veterinary Record is a tribute in itself!