

RESULTS

Demographically and clinically are shown in **Table 1**.

The proportion of responders was very high at week 2 (70%). The MADRS percentages of responders and the confidence intervals by week, are shown in **Table 2**.

Furthermore, the proportion of escitalopram-treated patients in complete remission was also very high and met 87.9% of the patients in week 12. The MADRS percentages of remitters with scores of 12, by week, are shown in **Table 3**.

The accumulate percentage of patients of significantly improvement in MADRS scores, defined as $\geq 50\%$ improvement in MADRS items single scores, at the first week in apparent sadness, inner tension, reduced sleep or appetite and suicidal thoughts of the MADRS, are shown in **Table 4**.

The CGI-Severity and CGI-Improvement scores by week, are shown in **Table 5**. The overall withdrawal rate (approximately 20%) was low: only 3 patients with adverse effects (nausea, headache and other with insomnia). The others patients withdrew for individual reasons (migration, work, etc.).

TABLE 1

Escitalopram treated-patients (n:33) Demographics and baseline characteristics

Sex: Females	25 patients (75.8%)
Males	8 patients (24.2%)
Age (years)	21 - 82
Baseline severity of depression	
MADRS (scores 22-29, moderately ill)	24.4 %
MADRS (scores 30-40, severe ill)	33.3 %
Hamilton-Anxiety (Mean + DS)	24 ± 11
Mayor Depression without anxiety (%)	66.7 %
Mayor Depression with anxiety (%)	21.2 %
Anxiety Disorders (%)	11.1 %

TABLE 2

Percentage of Responders Escitalopram - treated patients

MADRS total score ($\geq 50\%$ by week) from baseline, during escitalopram-treatment

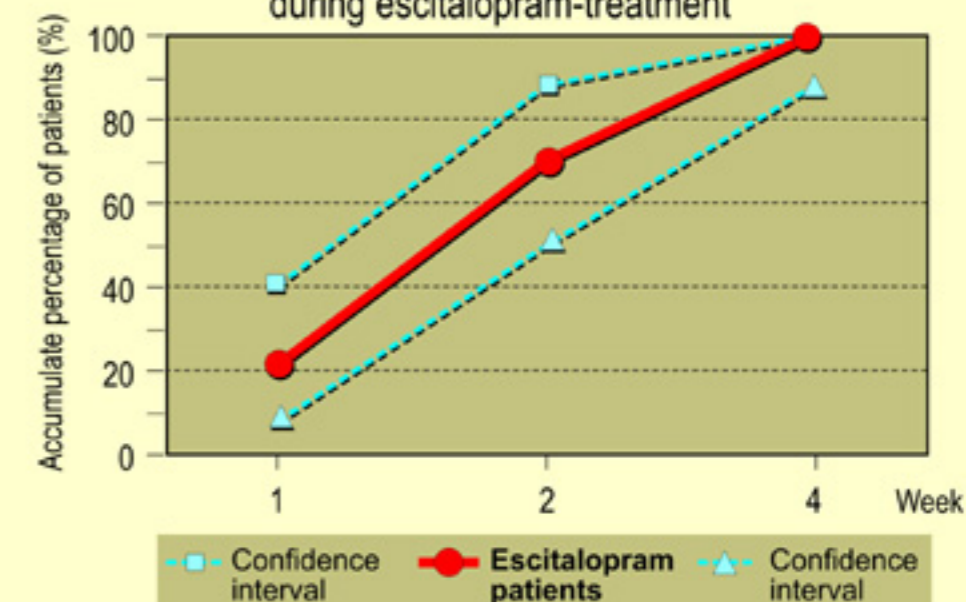


TABLE 3

Percentage of Remitters Escitalopram - treated patients

MADRS total score (≤ 12 % by week) from baseline, during escitalopram-treatment

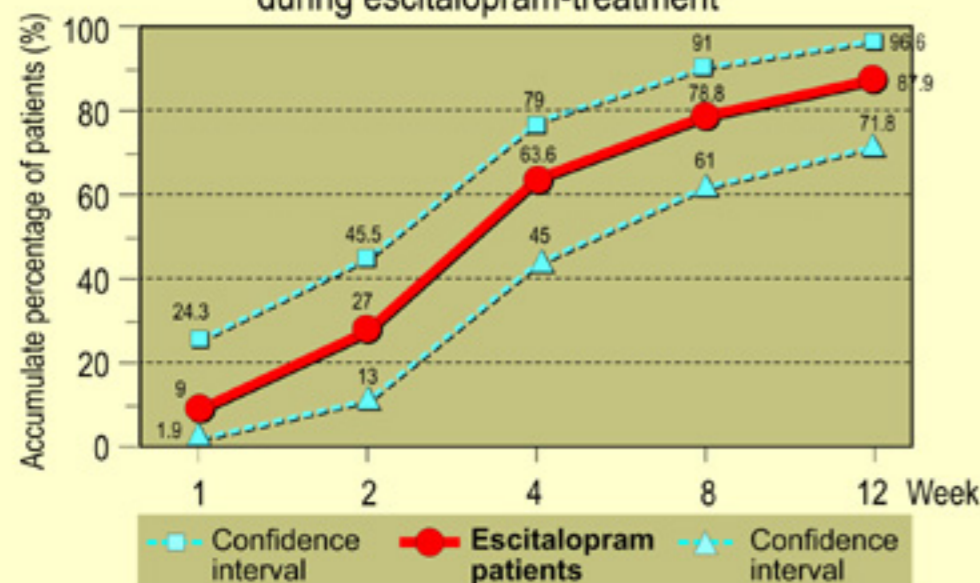


TABLE 4

Percentage of Responders Escitalopram- treated patients for MADRS single items

($\geq 50\%$ improvement scores by week 1, from baseline, in 1st MDD-episode)

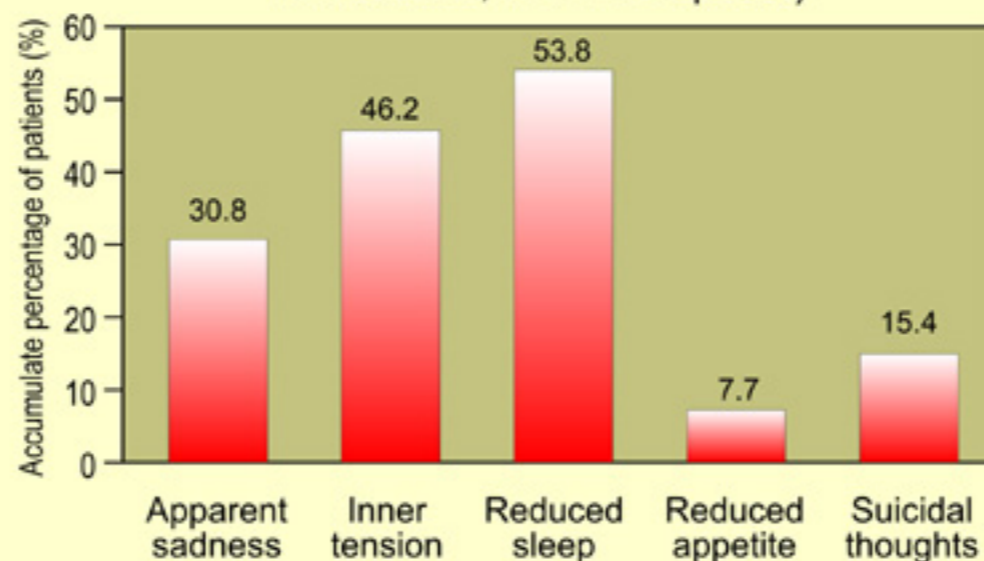


TABLE 5

Clinical Global Impression Scale (Severity and Improvement scores by week)

(scores by weeks)	Week					
	0	1	2	4	8	12
Clinical Global Impression - Severity (CGI-S)	4.52	3.33	2.12	1.27	1.18	1.03
Clinical Global Impression - Improvement (CGI-I)	--	5.55	3.66	1.88	1.61	1.33