

**Supplemental Table 1.** Distribution of inclusion (N=2344) and dropout (N=574) of 2918 patients of the Alpha Omega Trial, randomized before August 2005, according to treatment group.

	<b>Total</b> (N=2918)	<b>Placebo</b> (N=739)	<b>ALA</b> (N=728)	<b>EPA-DHA</b> (N=727)	<b>EPA-DHA plusALA</b> (N=724)	<b>P-value<sup>a</sup></b>
Included patients, No. (%)	2344 (80.3%)	593 (80.2%)	601 (82.6%)	576 (79.2%)	574 (79.3%)	0.34
Died, No. (%)	233 (8.0%)	67 (9.1%)	55 (7.6%)	56 (7.7%)	55 (7.6%)	0.66
No blood samples, No. (%)	60 (2.1%)	14 (1.9%)	15 (2.1%)	12 (1.7%)	19 (2.6%)	0.60
Refusal/ other, No. (%)	199 (6.8%)	49 (6.6%)	36 (4.9%)	58 (8.0%)	56 (7.7%)	0.09
Missing blood level, No. (%)	82 (2.8%)	16 (2.2%)	21 (2.9%)	25 (3.4%)	20 (2.8%)	0.53

a. Chi-square test was used to determine statistical significance.

ALA, alpha-linolenic acid; DHA, docosahexaenoic acid; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid; MI myocardial infarction.

**Supplemental Table 2.** Changes in risk factors for kidney function after 40 months of intervention with n-3 fatty acids in 2344 patients of the Alpha Omega Trial, according to treatment group.

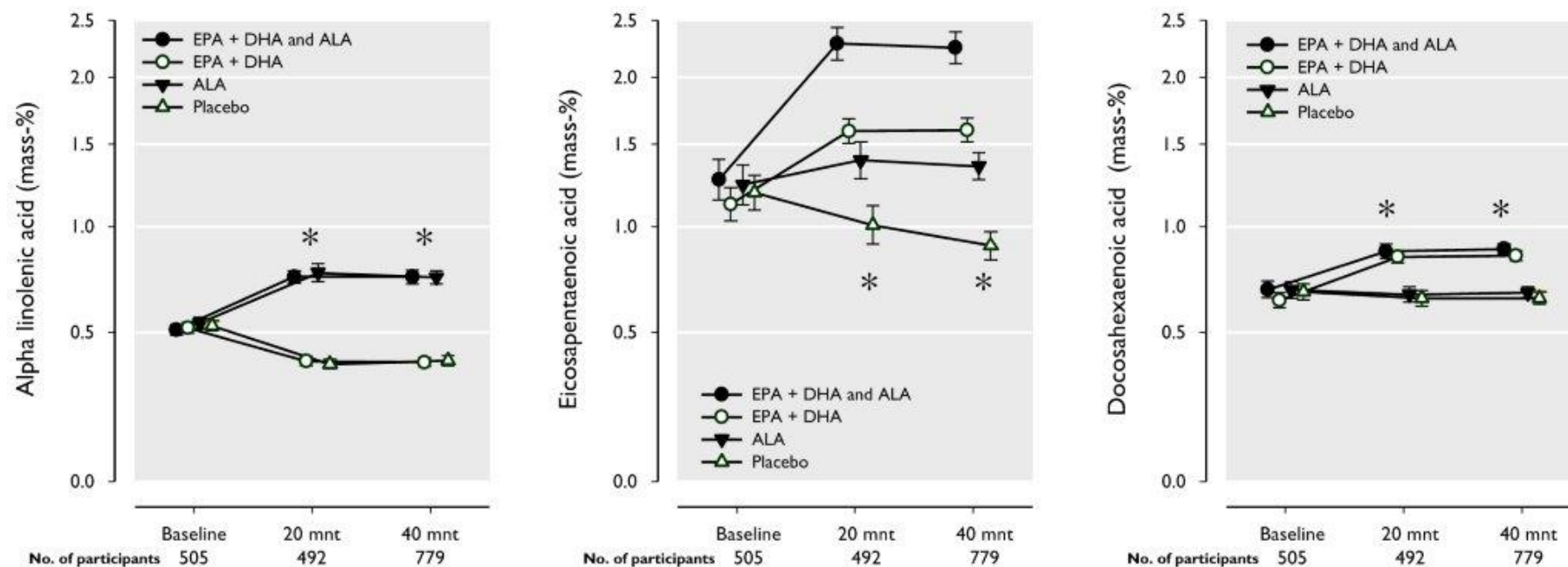
Variables	N	Placebo	ALA	EPA-DHA	EPA-DHA plusALA
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2332	-0.1 ±1.7	0.1 ±1.6	0.0 ±1.8	0.1 ±1.6
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	2340	-2.7 ±21.2	-0.1 ±20.5	-0.5 ±19.8	0.1 ±20.5
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg	2340	-2.8 ±10.4	-1.7 ±10.5	-3.0 ±10.5	-2.3 ±10.9
Plasma glucose <sup>a</sup> , mg/dl	2305	9.5 ±34.7	12.3 ±37.9	12.4 ±34.6	12.5 ±35.1
High-Sensitivity C-reactive protein, mg/L	2343	0.5 ±8.2	0.1 ±7.2	0.0 ±7.0	0.8 ±9.3
Total cholesterol <sup>b</sup> , mg/dl	2314	-11.5±33.4	-11.9±34.0	-9.8±35.8	-11.6±37.0
LDL <sup>b</sup> , mg/dl	2151	-15.6 ±28.6	-14.7 ±29.6	-15.3 ±30.0	-14.0 ±32.1
HDL <sup>b</sup> , mg/dl	2313	5.8 ±8.9	4.9 ±9.5	7.0 ±10.3	5.4 ±10.3
Triglycerides <sup>c</sup> , mg/dl	2314	-4.6 ±79.2	-10.3 ±89.7	-7.8 ±99.4	-12.5 ±72.9

Values are means ± standard deviation (SD). Changes in active treatment groups were not statistically significant different from placebo (all P-values >0.05), except for HDL (P=0.002).

a. To convert the values for glucose to mmol/L, multiply by 0.05551. b. To convert the values for cholesterol to mmol/L, multiply by 0.02586. c. To convert the values for triglycerides to mmol/L, multiply by 0.01129.

ALA, alpha-linolenic acid; DHA, docosahexaenoic acid; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid.

**Supplemental Figure 1.**



ALA, EPA and DHA concentrations in plasma cholesteryl esters at baseline, 20 and 40 months in random samples of patients with a history of myocardial infarction, according to n-3 fatty acids supplementation. Geometric mean values (expressed as mass percentage) with error bars indicating error bars on logarithmic scales. ALA supplementation increased serum ALA by 91% and also serum EPA by 73%, but not serum DHA. EPA-DHA supplementation increased EPA by 71% and DHA by 30%. EPA-DHA plus ALA supplementation increased EPA by 145% and DHA by 35%.

ALA, alpha-linolenic acid; DHA, docosahexaenoic acid; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid. \*P<0.001 for group difference at that time point, obtained by ANOVA.