

**Table 2 Frequency of patient reporting abdominal or low back pain during treatment with fish oil in comparison to placebo over 3 months**

Treatment group/pain level	Before treatment		End of 1st month		End of 2nd month		End of 3rd month	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Abdominal pain</b>								
<i>Placebo</i>								
No pain	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Slight	0	0.0	1	5.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mild	3	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Moderate	15	83.3	16	88.9	6	33.3	1	5.6
Severe	0	0.0	1	5.6	12	66.7	17	94.4
<i>Fish oil</i>								
No pain	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	44.5
Slight	0	0.0	1	5.6	14	77.8	10	55.6
Mild	2	11.0	5	27.8	4	22.2	0	0.0
Moderate	16	88.9	12	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Severe	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>P-value</i>	0.50		0.087		< 0.001		< 0.0001	
<b>Low back pain</b>								
<i>Placebo</i>								
No pain	0	0.0	2	11.1	1	5.6	1	5.6
Slight	2	11.9	4	22.2	2	11.1	3	16.7
Mild	0	0.0	11	61.1	6	33.3	6	33.3
Moderate	5	27.8	1	5.6	9	50.0	8	44.4
Severe	11	61.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Fish oil</i>								
No pain	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	55.6
Slight	1	5.6	5	33.3	11	61.1	4	22.2
Mild	1	5.6	5	27.8	7	38.9	2	11.1
Moderate	7	38.9	7	38.9	0	0.0	1	5.6
Severe	9	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.6
<i>P-value</i>	0.189		0.056		< 0.001		< 0.003	