

**Table e-1** Adverse events

	GA+EGCG n=62	GA+Placebo n=60
Number of patients with any adverse event	60 (97%)	58 (97%)
Number of adverse events	365 (53%)	320 (47%)
Cause of most common adverse events (> 3% per group)		
Upper respiratory tract infection	69 (10%)	72 (11%)
Gastroenteritis	14 (2%)	19 (3%)
Urinary tract infection	7 (1%)	22 (3%)
Number of patients with serious adverse event	6 (10%)	8 (13%)
Cause of serious adverse events		
Acute coronary syndrome	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Anal fistula	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)
Implantation of artificial knee joint	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)
Inguinal hernia	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Ligamentoplasty ankle joint	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Sigmoid diverticulitis	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Foreign object in eye	1 (0.2%)	0 (0%)
Accident	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)
Respiratory sleep disorder	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
In-patient rehabilitation (due to multiple sclerosis)	2 (0.3%)	0 (0%)
Orgasmic headache (first attack)	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)
Hysterectomy due to uterine fibroids	0 (0%)	1 (0.2%)

Abbreviations: GA glatiramer acetate. Data are numbers (%)