

# Evolution of clinical research: A history before and beyond James Lind

Sir,

This recent article (PICR January 2010;1:6-10) states conventionally that “James Lind is considered the first physician to have conducted a controlled clinical trial of the modern era” Unfortunately there is no evidence that Lind conducted the trial he claimed, nor were there any sailors with scurvy on the Salisbury on 20 May 1747.<sup>[1]</sup>

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