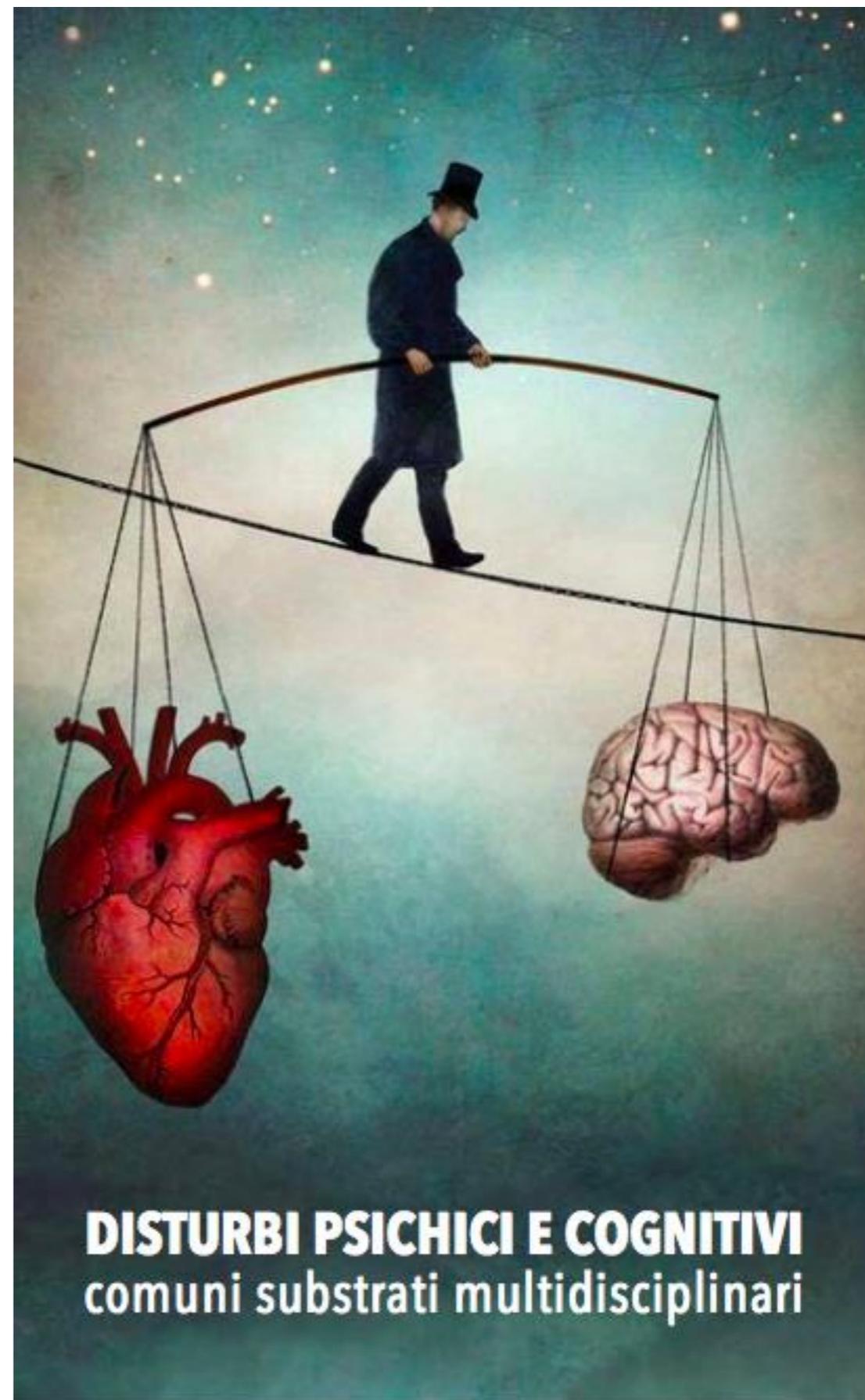


Depressione e Malattia Cerebrovascolare

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Bidirectional relationship between depression and stroke

- Depression is an independent risk factor for stroke and stroke mortality
 - Stroke as causes of depression (Post Stroke Depression PSD)
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- Vascular depression

Common pathophysiology



Risk factors for ischaemic and intracerebral haemorrhagic stroke in 22 countries (the INTERSTROKE study): a case-control study

Martin J O'Donnell, Denis Xavier, Lisheng Liu, Hongye Zhang, Siu Lim Chin, Purnima Rao-Melacini, Sumathy Rangarajan, Shofiqul Islam,

Sanjay Arora, Antonio L Dans, Khalid Yu Sofi, Shafiqul Islam, Xingyu Wang, Salim Yusuf

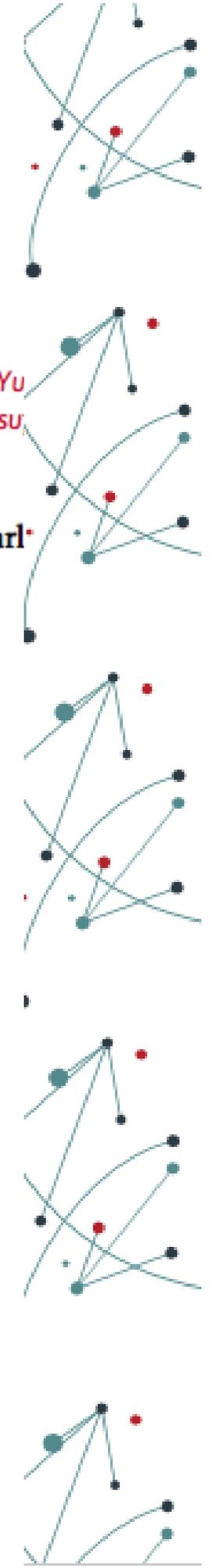
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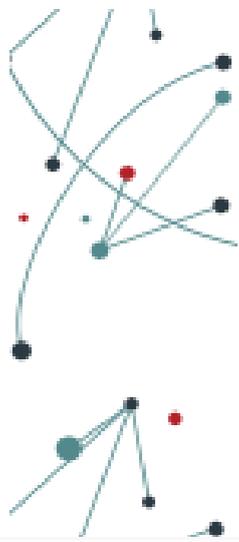
	Prevalence*			All stroke†		Ischaemic stroke†		Intracerebral haemorrhagic stroke	
	Control (n=3000)	Ischaemic stroke (n=2337)	Intracerebral haemorrhagic stroke (n=663)	Odds ratio (99% CI)	Population-attributable risk (99% CI)	Odds ratio (99% CI)	Population-attributable risk (99% CI)	Odds ratio (99% CI)	Population-attributable risk (99% CI)
Variable 1: hypertension									
A: self-reported history of hypertension	954/2996 (32%)	1277/2335 (55%)	399/662 (60%)	2.64 (2.25-3.08)	34.6% (30.4-39.1)	2.37 (2.00-2.79)	31.5% (26.7-36.7)	3.80 (2.96-4.78)	44.5% (37.2-52.0)
B: self-reported history of hypertension or blood pressure >160/90 mm Hg	1109/3000 (37%)	1550/2337 (66%)	551/663 (83%)	3.89 (3.33-4.54)	51.8% (47.7-55.8)	3.14 (2.67-3.71)	45.2% (40.3-50.0)	9.18 (6.80-12.39)	73.6% (67.0-79.3)
Variable 2: smoking status									
Current smoker‡	732/2994 (24%)	868/2333 (37%)	207/662 (31%)	2.09 (1.75-2.51)	18.9% (15.3-23.1)	2.32 (1.91-2.81)	21.4% (17.5-25.8)	1.45 (1.07-1.96)	9.5% (4.2-20.0)
Variable 3: waist-to-hip ratio									
T2 vs T1	989/2960 (33%)	768/2303 (33%)	266/655 (41%)	1.42 (1.18-1.71)	26.5% (18.8-36.0)§	1.34 (1.10-1.64)	26.0% (17.7-36.5)§	1.65 (1.22-2.23)	26.1% (14.1-43.3)§
T3 vs T1	984/2960 (33%)	987/2303 (43%)	231/655 (35%)	1.65 (1.35-1.99)	-	1.69 (1.38-2.07)	-	1.41 (1.02-1.93)	-
Variable 4: diet risk score									
T2 vs T1	1064/2982 (36%)	842/2303 (37%)	271/658 (41%)	1.35 (1.12-1.61)	18.8% (11.2-29.7)§	1.29 (1.06-1.57)	17.3% (9.4-29.6)§	1.53 (1.13-2.08)	24.1% (11.9-42.7)§
T3 vs T1	904/2982 (30%)	807/2303 (35%)	221/658 (34%)	1.35 (1.11-1.64)	-	1.34 (1.09-1.65)	-	1.41 (1.01-1.97)	-
Variable 5: regular physical activity¶									
	362/2994 (12%)	193/2334 (8%)	45/662 (7%)	0.69 (0.53-0.90)	28.5% (14.5-48.5)	0.68 (0.51-0.91)	29.4% (14.5-50.5)	0.70 (0.44-1.13)	27.6% (6.8-66.6)
Variable 6: diabetes mellitus									
	350/2999 (12%)	495/2336 (21%)	68/662 (10%)	1.36 (1.10-1.68)	5.0% (2.6-9.5)	1.60 (1.29-1.99)	7.9% (5.1-12.3)		
Variable 7: alcohol intake‡									
1-30 drinks per month	524/2989 (18%)	338/2326 (15%)	121/660 (18%)	0.90 (0.72-1.11)	3.8% (0.9-14.4)§	0.79 (0.63-1.00)	1.0% (0.0-8.3)§	1.52 (1.07-2.16)	14.6% (8.5-24.0)§
>30 drinks per month or binge drinker	324/2989 (11%)	383/2326 (16%)	108/660 (16%)	1.51 (1.18-1.92)	-	1.41 (1.09-1.82)	-	2.01 (1.35-2.99)	-
Variable 8: psychosocial factors									
A: psychosocial stress	440/2987 (15%)	465/2324 (20%)	124/654 (19%)	1.30 (1.05-1.60)	4.6% (2.1-9.6)	1.30 (1.04-1.62)	4.7% (2.0-10.2)	1.23 (0.89-1.69)	3.5% (0.7-16.3)
B: depression	424/2995 (14%)	489/2320 (21%)	100/645 (16%)	1.35 (1.10-1.66)	5.2% (2.7-9.8)	1.47 (1.19-1.83)	6.8% (3.9-11.4)		
Variable 9: cardiac causes**									
	140/3000 (5%)	321/2337 (14%)	28/662 (4%)	2.38 (1.77-3.20)	6.7% (4.8-9.1)	2.74 (2.03-3.72)	8.5% (6.4-11.2)		
Variable 10: ratio of ApoB to ApoA1††									
T2 vs T1	695/2091 (33%)	501/1698 (30%)	136/468 (29%)	1.13 (0.90-1.42)	24.9% (15.7-37.1)§	1.30 (1.01-1.67)	35.2% (25.5-46.3)§		
T3 vs T1	696/2091 (33%)	825/1698 (49%)	165/468 (35%)	1.89 (1.49-2.40)	-	2.40 (1.86-3.11)	-		

All models were adjusted for age, sex, and region. T=tertile. Apo=apolipoprotein. *Data were missing for some individuals: seven for self-reported history of hypertension, 11 for smoking status, 82 for waist-to-hip ratio, 57 for diet risk score, ten for physical activity, three for diabetes mellitus, 25 for alcohol intake, 35 for psychosocial stress, 40 for depression, one for cardiac causes, and 1743 for apoB/apoA1 concentrations; these individuals were excluded from the denominator in percentage calculations. †Individual risk-factor estimates for variables 1-9 are derived from the multivariable model, including all variables (1A and 2-9). For intracerebral haemorrhagic stroke, the multivariate model included variables 1A, 2-5, 7, and 8A. ‡Comparator for current smoker and alcohol intake is never or former. §For variables expressed in tertiles, population-attributable risk was calculated from T2 plus T3 versus T1. ¶For the protective factor of physical activity, population-attributable risks are provided for the group without this factor. ||Odds ratio and population-attributable risk was not calculated because the variable was not significant in univariate analyses and so was excluded from multivariate analyses. **Includes atrial fibrillation or flutter, previous myocardial infarction, rheumatic valve disease, or prosthetic heart valve. ††Estimate derived from multivariable model, including all variables (1A and 2-10; n=4257).

Table 2: Risk of stroke associated with risk factors in the overall population (multivariate analyses)

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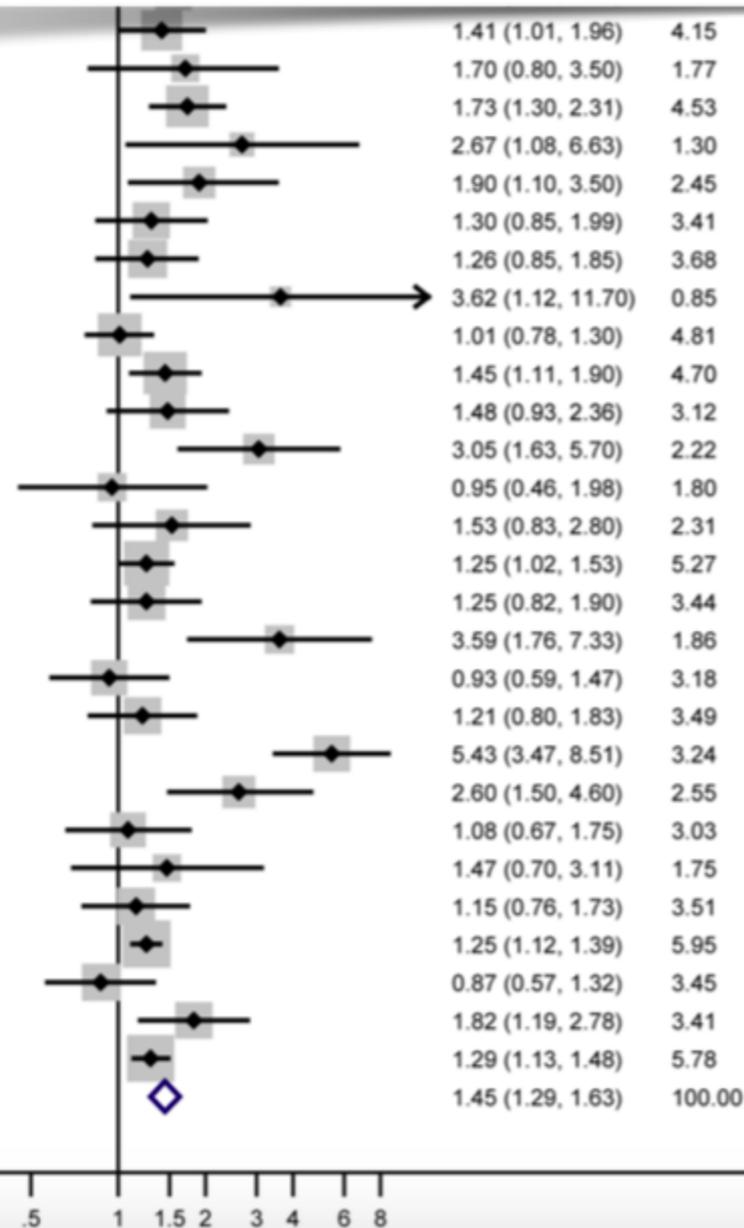
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Depression and the Risk of Stroke Morbidity and Mortality: A Meta-analysis and Systematic Review

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Study

Vogt et al,19 1994
Wassertheil-Smoller et al,20 1996
Everson et al,21 1998
Simons et al,16 1998
Whooley and Browner,17 1998
Jonas and Mussolino,22 2000
Larson et al,23 2001
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Ostir et al,25 2001
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Wassertheil-Smoller et al,28 2004 (no CVD)
Wassertheil-Smoller et al,28 2004 (in CVD)
Gump et al,29 2005
Avendano et al,30 2006 (65-74 y)
Avendano et al,30 2006 (74+ y)
Stürmer et al,31 2006
Arbelaez et al,32 2007
Kawamura et al,33 2007
Salaycik et al,34 2007 (<65 y)
Salaycik et al,34 2007 (65+ y)
Bos et al,35 2008
Lee et al,36 2008
Liebetrau et al,37 2008
Surtees et al,38 2008
Whooley et al,39 2008
Wouts et al,40 2008
Glymour et al,41 2010
Nabi et al,42 2010
Peters et al,43 2010
Pan et al,18 2011
Overall (I-squared = 66.0%, p = 0.000)

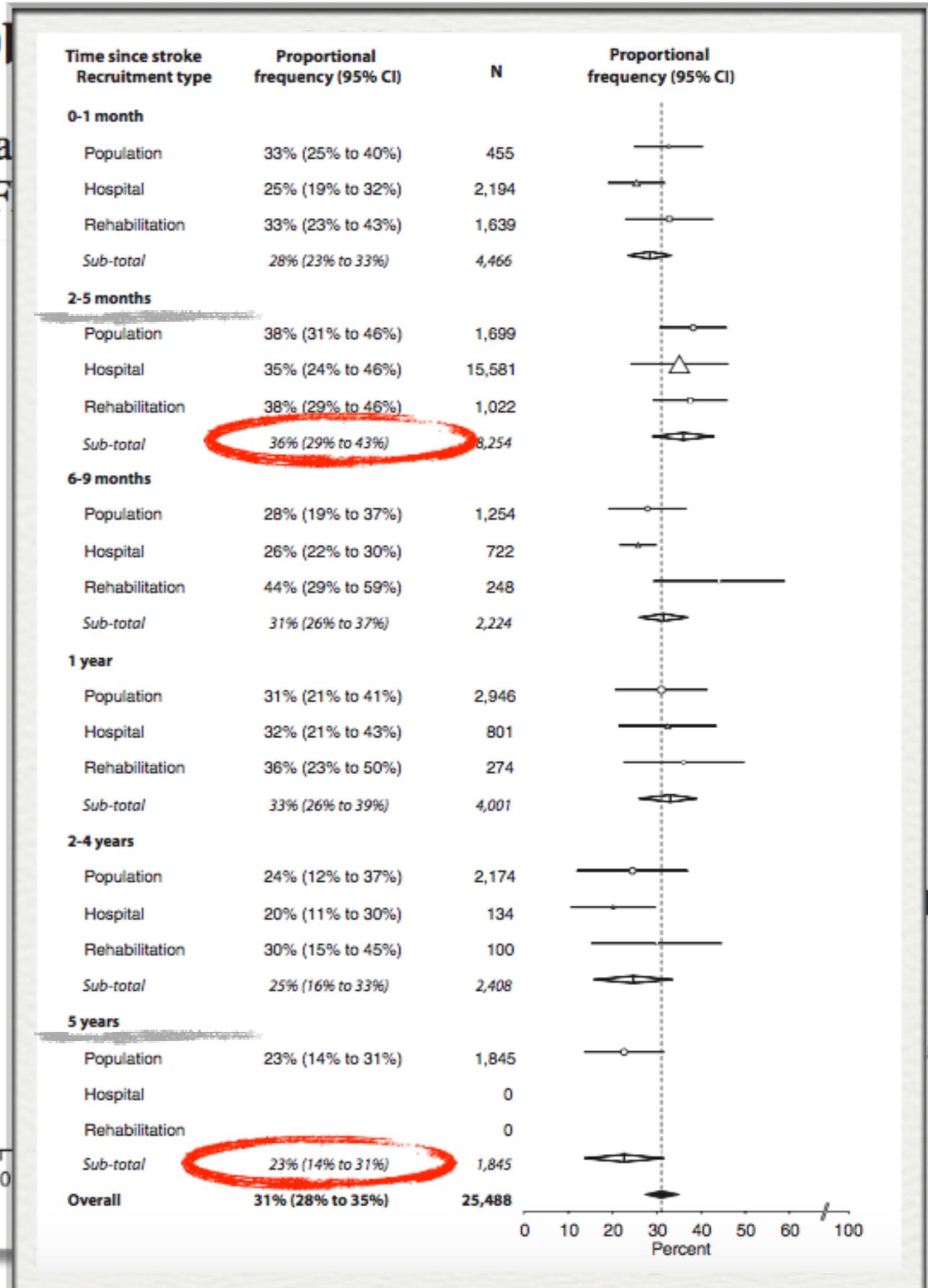
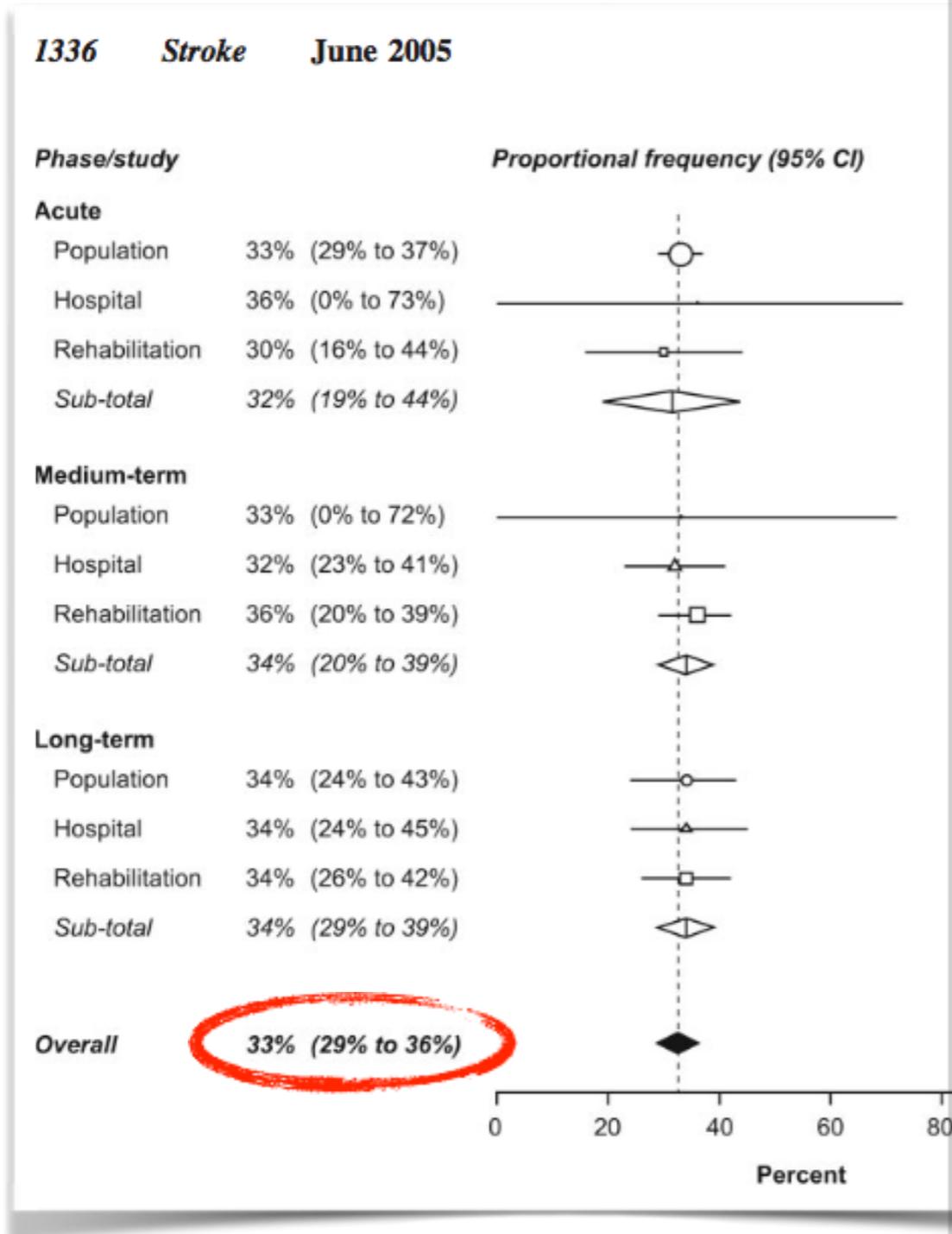


- neuroendocrine and immunological/inflammation effects
- poor health behaviors and obesity
- comorbidities (diabetes and hypertension)

Frequency of Depression After Stroke

A Systematic Review of O

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Post Stroke Depression (**PSD**)
depression state present after
stroke regardless of the timing
symptoms onset

Depressive Disorder Due to Another Medical Condition

Diagnostic Criteria

- A. A prominent and persistent period of depressed mood or markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities that predominates in the current or most previous month.
- B. There is evidence from the history, physical examination, or laboratory tests that the disturbance is the direct pathophysiological consequence of another medical condition.
- C. The disturbance is not better explained by another mental disorder, with depressed mood, in which the stressor is a serious medical condition.
- D. The disturbance does not occur exclusively during the course of another medical condition.
- E. The disturbance causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

Coding note: The ICD-9-CM code for depressive disorder due to another medical condition is **293.83**, which is assigned regardless of the specifier. The ICD-10-CM code depends on the specifier (see below).

Specify if:

Depressive Disorder Due to Stroke

(F06.31) With depressive features: Full criteria are not met for a major depressive episode.

(F06.32) With major depressive-like episode: Full criteria are met (except Criterion C) for a major depressive episode.

(F06.34) With mixed features: Symptoms of mania or hypomania are also present but do not predominate in the clinical picture.

Coding note: Include the name of the other medical condition in the name of the mental disorder (e.g., 293.83 [F06.31] depressive disorder due to hypothyroidism, with depressive features). The other medical condition should also be coded and listed separately immediately before the depressive disorder due to the medical condition (e.g., 244.9 [E03.9] hypothyroidism; 293.83 [F06.31] depressive disorder due to hypothyroidism, with depressive features).

DSM-5: MDD

- Core features: 1) Depressed mood or 2) loss of interest;
- AND ≥ 5 associated symptoms for 2+ weeks:
 - Depressed mood most of the day;
 - Markedly diminished interest or **anhedonia**;
 - Significant **weight loss** (not intentionally trying);
 - **Insomnia** (typical) or **hypersomnia** (atypical)
 - **Psychomotor** agitation or retardation;
 - **Fatigue** or anergia;
 - Feelings of **worthlessness** or excessive / inappropriate **guilt**;
 - Diminished ability to think, **concentrate**, make decisions;
 - Recurrent thoughts of death or **suicidal ideation**.

DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL
MANUAL OF
MENTAL DISORDERS,

FIFTH EDITION

DSM-5™

Post Stroke Depression (PSD)

Negatively affects:

- functional outcome
- response to rehabilitation
- quality of life

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Increased mortality

- HR of 1.56 (95% CI 0.49-5.02, NS) at the ages between 25 and 74 years,
- **HR 2.28** (95% CI 1.79-2.90) for patients aged 65-74 years

Increased mortality in PSD patients might be the result of cardiovascular mortality: decreased heart rate variability, caused by the alteration of autonomic functions (Robinson et al., 2008).

PSD - Historical perspective

Isolated studies in the 1960s: “empathic understanding” (emotional reaction to the loss of independence).

In 1977 Folstein et al. conducted a study comparing the prevalence of mood disorders in patients with stroke or orthopedic problems which all presented comparable functional disability. They observed that patients with stroke exhibited a far greater frequency of depression than orthopedic patients, and concluded that mood disorders would be a complication of stroke that was linked not only to the degree of functional disability.

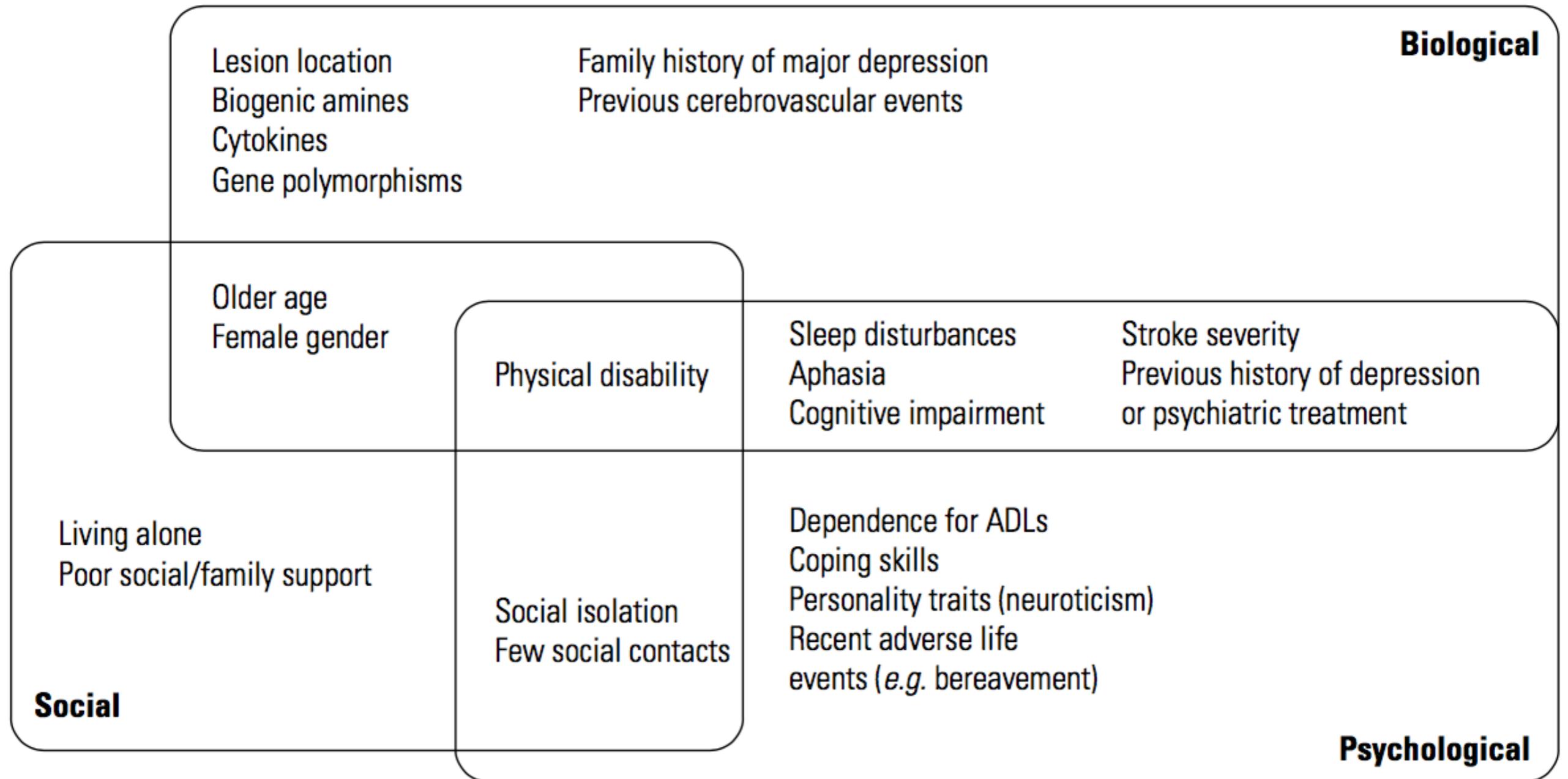
In the 1980's by Robert Robinson's group (University of Iowa): “...lesion location hypothesis: depression severity associated with lesions of left frontal lobe, stronger in the first 6 months after stroke ...”

In the 1990s Guido Gainotti's group (Catholic University of Rome), “... depressive syndromes associated with stroke may not be “true” depressions, but a completely different category from Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) that would be associated with the patients' adjustment to changes in their living conditions...”

Biological and psychological hypothesis

Biological causation		Psychological causation	
Evidence		Evidence	
For	Against	For	Against
<p>Higher frequency of depression in stroke <i>versus</i> other similarly disabling medical illness</p> <p>Temporal relationship between stroke and onset of depression</p> <p>Specific lesions associated with PSD</p> <p>PSD may occur in the context of silent infarcts</p>	<p>Finding not consistently replicated</p> <p>Temporal relationship between psychological stressors (<i>e.g.</i> bereavement) and depression</p> <p>Finding not consistently replicated</p> <p>-</p>	<p>PSD symptom profile is not specific and may be a form of "functional" depression</p> <p>Temporal relationship between psychological stressors (<i>e.g.</i> bereavement) and depression</p> <p>Risk factors unrelated with stroke predicts occurrence of depression (<i>e.g.</i> family history of depression)</p> <p>Disability severity is the most consistent risk factor for PSD and psychosocial factors become increasingly important in later onset PSD</p>	<p>"Functional" depression may have biological underpinnings</p> <p>Temporal relationship between stroke and onset of depression</p> <p>These risk factors may reflect biological predisposition (<i>e.g.</i> genetic causes)</p> <p>-</p>
Explanatory theories		Explanatory theories	
<p>Lesion location theory: PSD may be related to the location of the lesions, disturbing specific areas of the brain (<i>e.g.</i> left frontal lobes, hippocampus, basal ganglia)</p> <p>Biogenic amines theory: PSD may be related to disruption of monoamines circuitry, through direct or indirect mechanisms</p> <p>Inflammatory cytokines theory: PSD may be related to the production of "depressogenic" cytokines by the inflammatory response to ischemia</p> <p>Genetic polymorphisms theory: PSD may be related to genetic predisposition, especially in the serotonergic system</p>		<p>Patients with stroke experience a traumatic event that undermines their physical and mental integrity, their autonomy and self-esteem as well as their social lives. Psychological coping mechanisms, as well as premorbid personality, are responsible for the development of PSD</p>	

A Biopsychosocial Model of PSD



Pathogenetic mechanisms

Monoaminergic hypothesis: interruption induced by the ischaemic lesion of the amine-containing axons ascending from the brainstem to the left cerebral cortex. Reduced synthesis of 5-HT and of norepinephrine (NE) in limbic areas of frontal and temporal lobes and basal ganglia . (*Robinson et al., 1984; Santos et al., 2009; Terroni et al., 2011; meta-analysis by Narushima et al., 2003*)

Glutamate-mediated excitotoxicity hypothesis (*Sanacora et al., 2012*)

Neuroinflammatory response, based on the activation of microglia and astrocytes and up-regulation of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-1 , IL-6, IL-18 and TNF-). (*Ferrari and Villa, 2017*)

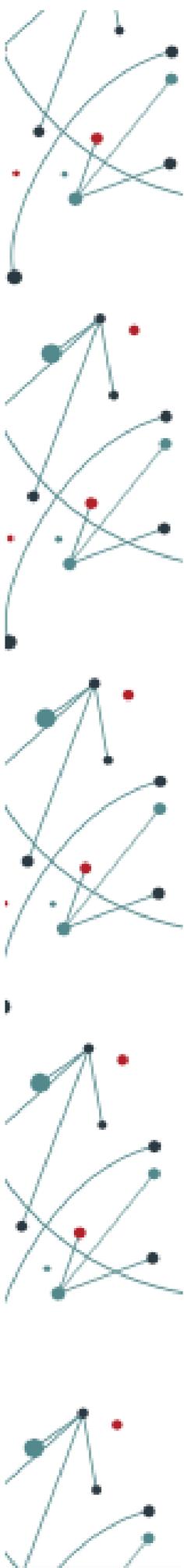
Pro-inflammatory cytokines stimulate the ***hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis*** to release glucocorticoid hormones (*Szczudlik et al., 2004*).

Neuronal plasticity (Impairment of adaptive response of brain to ischaemia) (*Ferrari and Villa, 2017; Masi and Brovedani, 2011*)

Decreased levels of ***BDNF - Brain Derived Neurotrophic Factor*** (*Yang et al.2011*)

Vascular factors, such as the white matter lesions could interrupt monoaminergic projections from midbrain and brainstem. (*Taylor, W.D. 2013*)

Mitochondrial energy metabolism (*Villa et al., 2013*)



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The Vascular Depression Hypothesis: Mechanisms Linking Vascular Disease with Depression

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Late-Life Depression

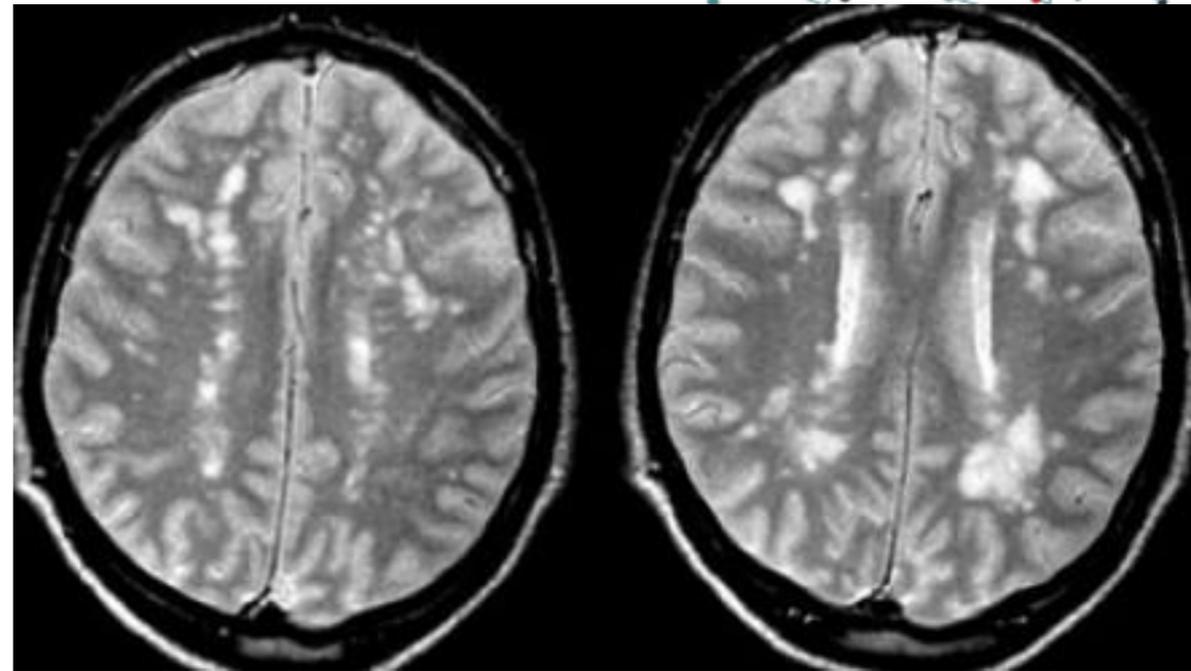
Presence of vascular risk factors

Clinical presentation

- cognitive deficits
- psychomotor retardation
- lack of insight
- disability disproportional to the depression severity

Depression-Executive Dysfunction (**DED**) Syndrome

White Matter Lesions (WMLs) white matter hyperintensities (WMH) on T2-weighted or fluid attenuated inversion recovery (FLAIR) MRI.



Depression develops for abnormalities in the fronto-limbic and fronto-striatal neural circuits, which are critical to both mood regulation and to executive functions
(Tekin and Cummings, 2002)

Prefrontal processes are supported by multiple neurotransmitters, including dopamine, norepinephrine, histamine and acetylcholine (Stahl et al., 2003).

Traditional antidepressants including SSRIs may be relatively ineffective in this context and that *drugs targeting dopamine systems* may be more beneficial (Alexopoulos, 2001).



Risk Factors for Post-stroke Depression: A Meta-analysis

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Meta-analysis Results

Sex

A total of eight articles reported sex (female) was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Age

A total of two articles reported age (< 70 years) was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Social Support

A total of three articles reported social support was a protective factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

History of Mental Illness

A total of six articles reported history of mental illness (depression/anxiety/etc.) was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months). **Figure 5** shows that there

Neuroticism

A total of three articles reported neuroticism was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Family History of Mental Illness

A total of two articles reported family history of mental illness was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage

Severity of Stroke

A total of six articles reported severity of stroke was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Level of Handicap

A total of four articles reported level of handicap was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Level of Independence

A total of five articles reported level of independence was a risk factor for PSD in the acute stage and subacute stage (≤ 3 months).

Location

In the included studies, the left hemisphere had an association with PSD in the acute and subacute stages. Brain damage in the left frontal lobe and left basal ganglia was associated with PSD.

Early Predictors of PSD

Low Barthel Index score

<http://www.strokecenter.org/trials/scales/barthel.pdf>

Carota et al 2005

Age <68 years

Crying in first few days

- Pathological crying (not associated with PSD)
- Emotionalism (41% developed PSD)
- Catastrophic reaction (63% developed PSD)

Distinguishing types of crying

Pathological crying linked to infarct in basis of pontis and corticobulbar pathways and occurs in response to mood incongruent cues.

Emotionalism is crying that is congruent with mood (sadness) but patient is unable to control crying as they would have before stroke.

Catastrophic reaction is crying or withdrawal reaction triggered by a task made difficult or impossible by a neurologic deficit (e.g. moving a hemiplegic arm)

Screening Tools

Observational Measures

- **Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HDRS)***
- **Post-stroke Rating Depression Scale (PDRS)#**
- **Stroke Aphasia Depression Questionnaire (SADQ-H 21 or 10 item)**
- **Aphasia Depression Rating Scale (ADRS)**
- **Signs of Depression Scale (SODS; RN admin.)**
- **Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS)**

* Appear to have best sensitivity and internal validity

Not validated in PSD

Self-Report Measures

- **Beck Depression Inventory-2 (BDI-2)**
- **Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)**
- **Center for Epidemiological Studies-Depression Scale (CES-D)***
- **Patient Health Questionnaire 9-item (PHQ-9)***
- **Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS)#**
- **Visual-Analog Mood Scale (VAMS)#**

* Appear to have best sensitivity and internal validity reliability

Not validated in PSD

Twenty-four studies (n=2907 participants) showed that the **CES-D**, **HDRS**, and **PHQ-9** had high sensitivity for detecting PSD *Meader N et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 2012-304194.*

Systematic screening for PSD with the 9-item **PHQ-9** is pragmatic and has high sensitivity

Systematic screening for PSD may improve outcomes

Appendice 4.: Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D)
(Fava, 1982)

La preghiera di dire se nella scorsa settimana ci è capitato in uno delle seguenti maniere. N

HAMILTON RATING SCALE FOR DEPRESSION

HAM-D - # 049

Cognome e Nome.....

Codice Paziente.....

ISTRUZIONI GENERALI
pazie

1- UMORE DEPRESSO

(Sentimento di tristezza, mancanza di interesse, sentimento di incapacità e di

- 0 = Assente
- 1 = Manifesta questi sentimenti
- 2 = Esprime spontaneamente
- 3 = Comunica questi sentimenti
- 4 = Il paziente manifesta quasi tutti i sintomi mediante messaggi

2 - SENTIMENTI DI COLPA

- 0 = Assenti
- 1 = Autoaccusa, pensa di avere peccaminose
- 2 = Idee di colpa o ripensamenti
- 3 = L'attuale malattia è una punizione
- 4 = Ode voci di accusa o di delirio allucinatorie visive a carico

3 - SUICIDIO

- 0 = Assente
- 1 = Pensa che la vita non vale
- 2 = Vorrebbe essere morto o suicidarsi
- 3 = Idee o gesti di suicidio
- 4 = Tentativi di suicidio (ogni tentativo valutato '4')

4 - INSONNIA INIZIALE

- 0 = Nessuna difficoltà ad addormentarsi
- 1 = Lamenta di avere talvolta difficoltà ad addormentarsi (p. es., gli occorre più di 30 minuti)
- 2 = Ha sempre difficoltà ad addormentarsi

5 - INSONNIA CENTRALE

11 - ANSIA SOMATICA

ASPETTI SOMATICI DELL'ANSIA

Gastrointestinali: secchezza delle fauci, indigestione, diarrea, crampi, eruttazioni
 Cardiovascolari: palpitazioni, cefalea
 Respirazione: iperventilazione, sospiri
 Genito-urinari: pollachiuria
 Sudorazione

- 0 = Assente
- 1 = Lieve
- 2 = Moderata
- 3 = Notevole
- 4 = Invalidante

12 - SINTOMI SOMATICI GASTROINTESTINALI

- 0 = Assenti
- 1 = Perdita dell'appetito, ma si alimenta o aiutato dal personale. Se il paziente non mangia, si registra un'assenza di sintomi
- 2 = Difficoltà ad alimentarsi senza l'aiuto del personale. Richiede o ha bisogno di aiuto per i disturbi gastrointestinali

13 - SINTOMI SOMATICI C

- 0 = Assenti
- 1 = Pesantezza agli arti, alla schiena, mal di schiena, dolori muscolari, stanchezza e facile affaticabilità
- 2 = Se i sintomi sono molto evidenti

14 - SINTOMI GENITALI

(Sintomi quali: perdita della libido, ecc.)

- 0 = Assenti
- 1 = Lievi
- 2 = Moderati

15 - IPOCONDRIA

- 0 = Assente
- 1 = Polarizzazione sul proprio corpo
- 2 = Preoccupazione per la propria salute
- 3 = Frequenti lamentele, richieste di aiuto
- 4 = Deliri ipocondriaci (forma con

PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE - PHQ-9

Il presente questionario è importante perché ci consente di fornirLe la miglior assistenza possibile. Le Sue risposte ci aiuteranno a capire i problemi che Lei può avere. La preghiamo, perciò, di rispondere con la massima precisione possibile.

1. Durante le ultime due settimane, con quale frequenza è stato disturbato da qualcuno dei seguenti problemi?	Mai	Molti giorni	Più della metà dei giorni	Quasi tutti i giorni
a. Scarso interesse o piacere nel fare le cose	0	1	2	3
b. Sentirsi giù, depresso o disperato	0	1	2	3
c. Difficoltà ad addormentarsi o mantenere il sonno, o dormire troppo	0	1	2	3
d. Sentirsi stanco o avere poca energia	0	1	2	3
e. Scarso appetito o mangiare troppo	0	1	2	3
f. Sentirsi in colpa o di essere un fallito o di aver danneggiato se stesso o la sua famiglia	0	1	2	3
g. Difficoltà a concentrarsi sulle cose, come leggere il giornale o guardare la televisione	0	1	2	3
h. Muoversi o parlare così lentamente tanto che anche gli altri se ne accorgevano o, al contrario, essere così irrequieto o agitato da doversi muovere da ogni parte molto più del solito	0	1	2	3
i. Pensare che sarebbe meglio essere morto o di farsi del male in qualche modo	0	1	2	3

DURANTE LA S

1. Sono stato preoccupato
2. Non mi andava
3. Ho sentito l'aiuto dell
4. Ho sentito
5. Ho avuto difficoltà
6. Mi sono sentito
7. Ho sentito
8. Avevo speranze
9. Ho pensato
10. Ho avuto pa
11. Il mio sonno
12. Ero felice.
13. Ho parlato
14. Mi sono sentito
15. La gente non
16. Mi sono divertito
17. Ho avuto de
18. Mi sono sentito
19. Ho sentito
20. Non ce la fa

Post-Stroke Depression Rating Scale (PSDRS)

10 sezioni:

- umore depresso
- sentimento di colpa
- pensieri suicidari
- disturbi vegetativi
- apatia
- ansia
- **reazione catastrofica**
- **labilità emotiva**
- anedonia
- variazioni diurne

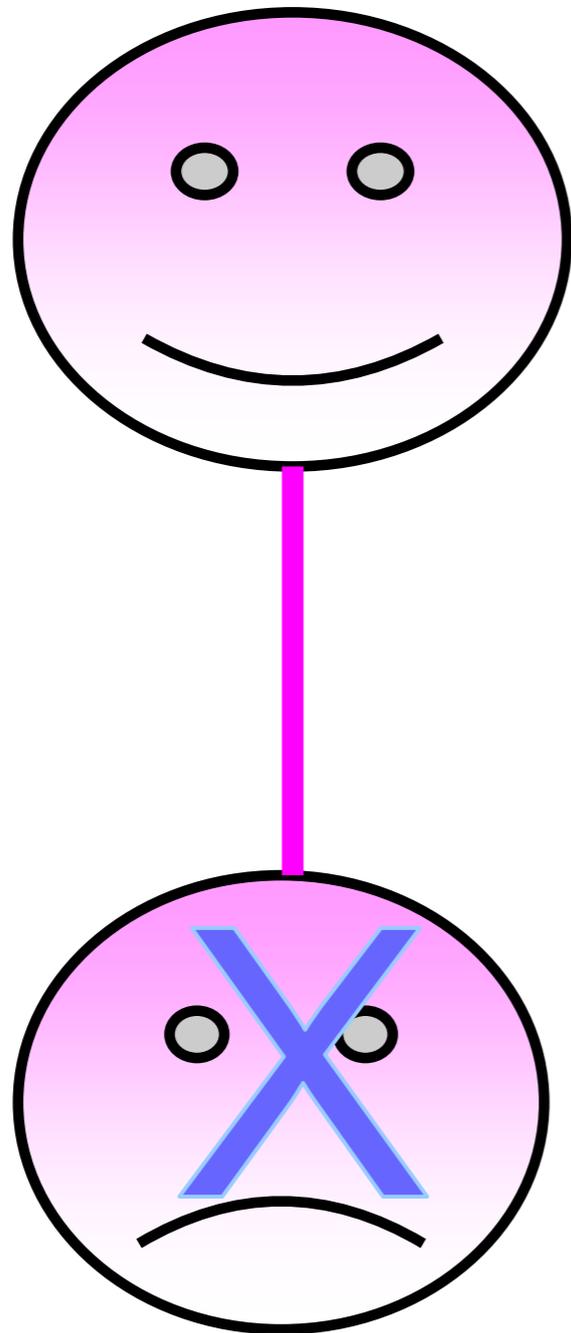
punteggi più elevati
= maggiore gravità

senza cut-off

strumento **di profilo**

Visual Analog Mood Scales: Sad scale

Stern, 1997



Sistema di valutazione
non verbale

Il pz deve **indicare** il volto
con cui si identifica

Aphasic Depression Rating Scale (ADRS)

	Ingresso	1 mese
1. Insonnia		
No	0	0
Disturbi del sonno riferiti dal paziente o dal personale	1	1
Deambula durante la notte, si alza dal letto o tenta di alzarsi	2	
2. Ansia psichica		
No	0	
Tensione/irritabilità	1	
Si inquieta per piccole cose	2	
Apprensività evidente	3	3
Apprensività/ansia molto evidente	4	4
3. Ansia somatica (<i>sintomi gastrointestinali, cardiovascolari, respiratori, urinari</i>)		
No	0	0
Lievi	1	1
Moderati	2	2
Severi	3	3
Molto severi	4	4
4. Sintomi somatici gastrointestinali		
Nessuno	0	0
Perdita appetito ma continua a mangiare		
Non mangia; richiede farmaci per trattare i disturbi GI		

5. Ipocondriasi			
Assente			
Il paziente autogestisce le sue preoccupazioni			
Preoccupazioni manifeste			
Frequenti richieste di aiuto			
Ipocondriasi manifesta			
6. Perdita di peso			
Meno di 0.5 kg/settimana			
0.5-1 kg/settimana			
> 1 kg/settimana			
7. Tristezza apparente			
No			
Tra 0 e 2			
Sorride senza difficoltà			
Tra 2 e 4			
Triste, infelice la maggior parte del tempo			
Tra 4 e 6			
Sempre triste			
	4	4	
	5	5	
	6	6	
8. Mimica facciale			
Muove il volto, esplora, si interessa	0	0	
Lieve riduzione della mimica facciale	1	1	
Mimica sicuramente ridotta ma comunque espressiva, volge lo sguardo intorno	2	2	
Non muove la testa, non sorride, non cambia espressione	3	3	
Immobile e inespressivo	4	4	
9. Affaticabilità			
No	0	0	
Non spontanea, emerge nel corso della visita	1	1	
Presente e limitante le comuni attività (mangiare, lavarsi, vestirsi)	2	2	
Presente e tale da impedire alcune attività	3	3	
Incapacità a compiere qualsiasi attività	4	4	
TOTALE ADRS			

Interventions for treating depression after stroke

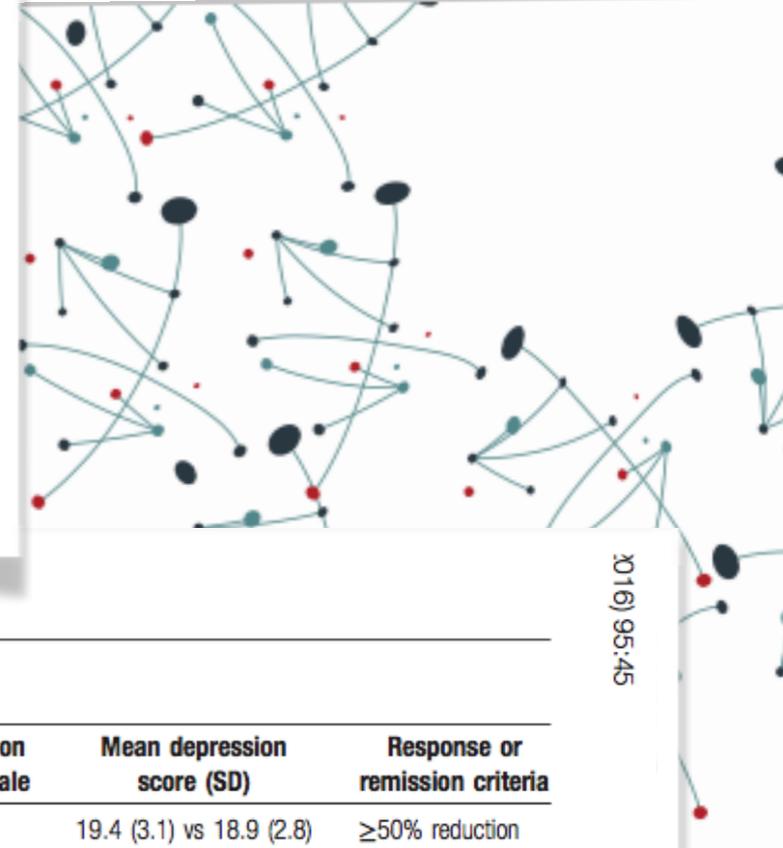
Hackett ML, Anderson CS, House AO 2008



12 RCTs of the efficacy of antidepressant medication to treat PSD (n=1121).

The data suggested a beneficial effect of antidepressants on remission (pooled OR for meeting criteria for depression : 0.45; 95% CI, 0.22-0.98) and response, measured as a >50% reduction in mood scores (pooled OR, 0.22; 95% CI 0.009-0.52)

Adverse events : CNS (OR 1.96; 95% CI, 1.19-3.24). Gastrointestinal (OR 2.37; 95% CI, 1.38-4.06). Other (OR 1.51; 95% CI, 0.91-2.3)



2016) 95:45

Efficacy and feasibility of antidepressant treatment in patients with post-stroke depression

Xiao-min Xu, MD^{a,b}, De-zhi Zou, PhD^{a,b}, Liu-yan Shen, MD^c, Yang Liu, MD^{a,b}, Xin-yu Zhou, PhD^{a,b}, Jun-cai Pu, MD^{a,b}, Mei-xue Dong, PhD^{a,b}, You-dong Wei, PhD^{a,b,*}

Table 1

Demographic and clinical characteristics of included randomized controlled trials.

Study	Mean age (SD)	Female, %	Center	Depression criteria	Treatment groups	Intervention vs placebo (n)	Dose range, mg/d	Duration	Depression rating scale	Mean depression score (SD)	Response or remission criteria
Andersen 1994	67.0 (7.1)	61%	Multiple centers	DSM-III-R	Citalopram vs Placebo	33 vs 33	10–40	6 wk	HAMD-17	19.4 (3.1) vs 18.9 (2.8)	≥50% reduction

Xu et al. Medicine (2016) 95:45

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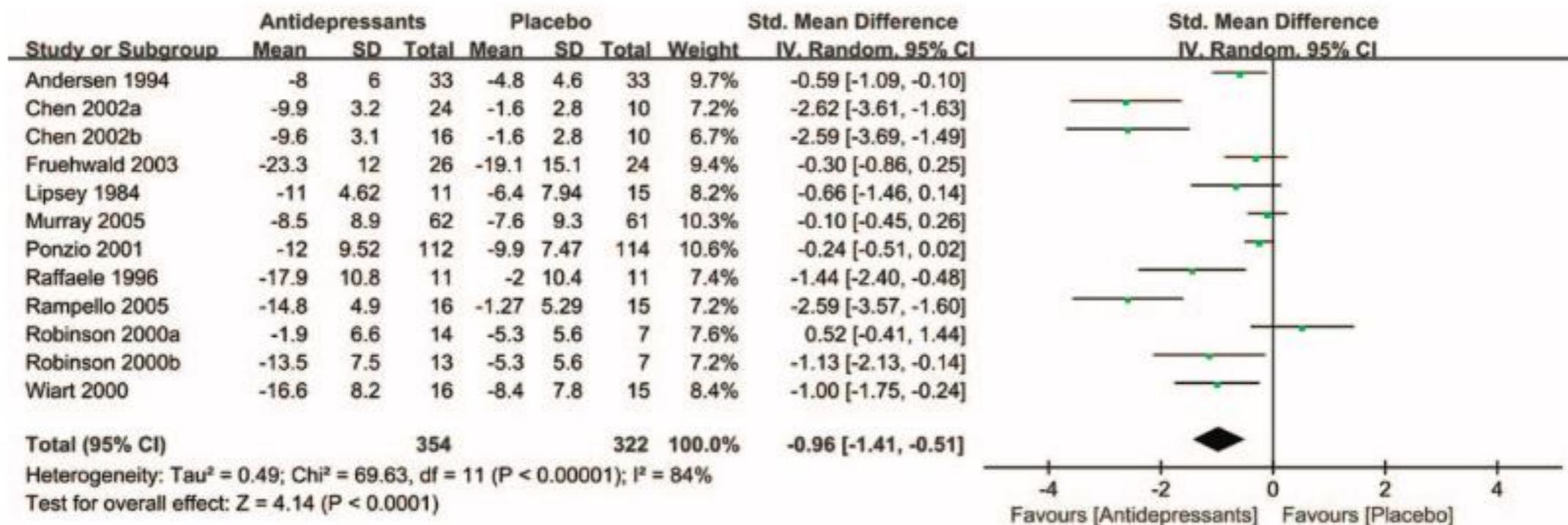
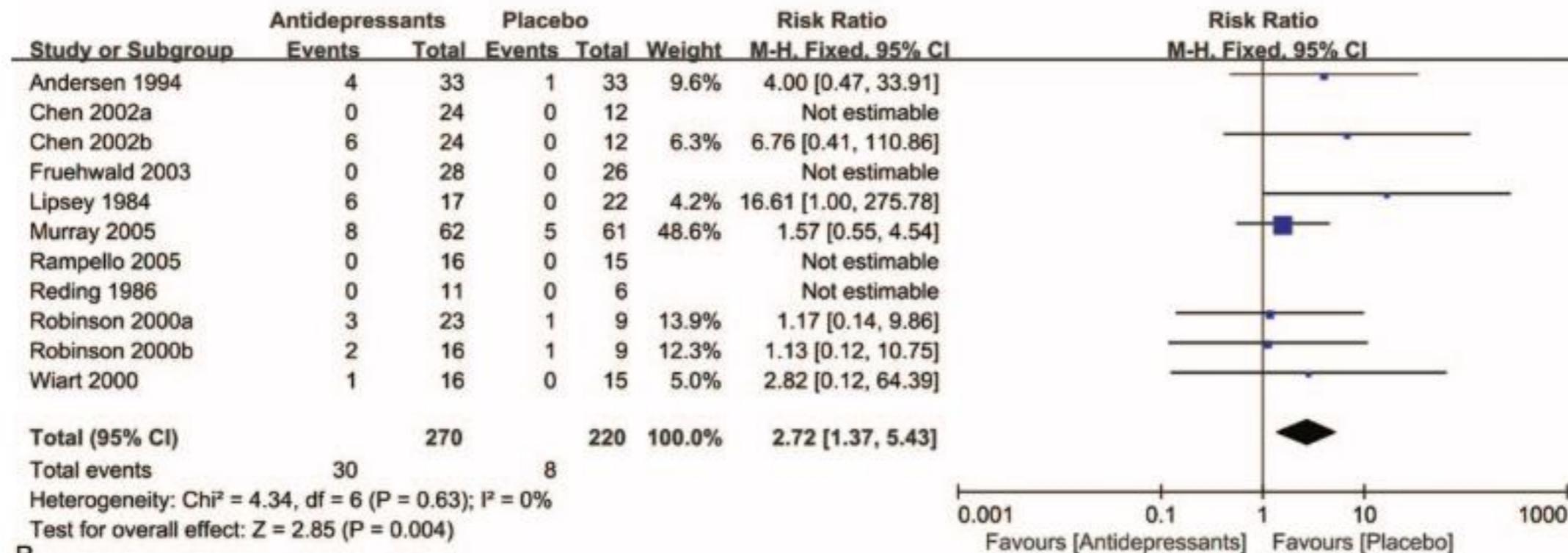
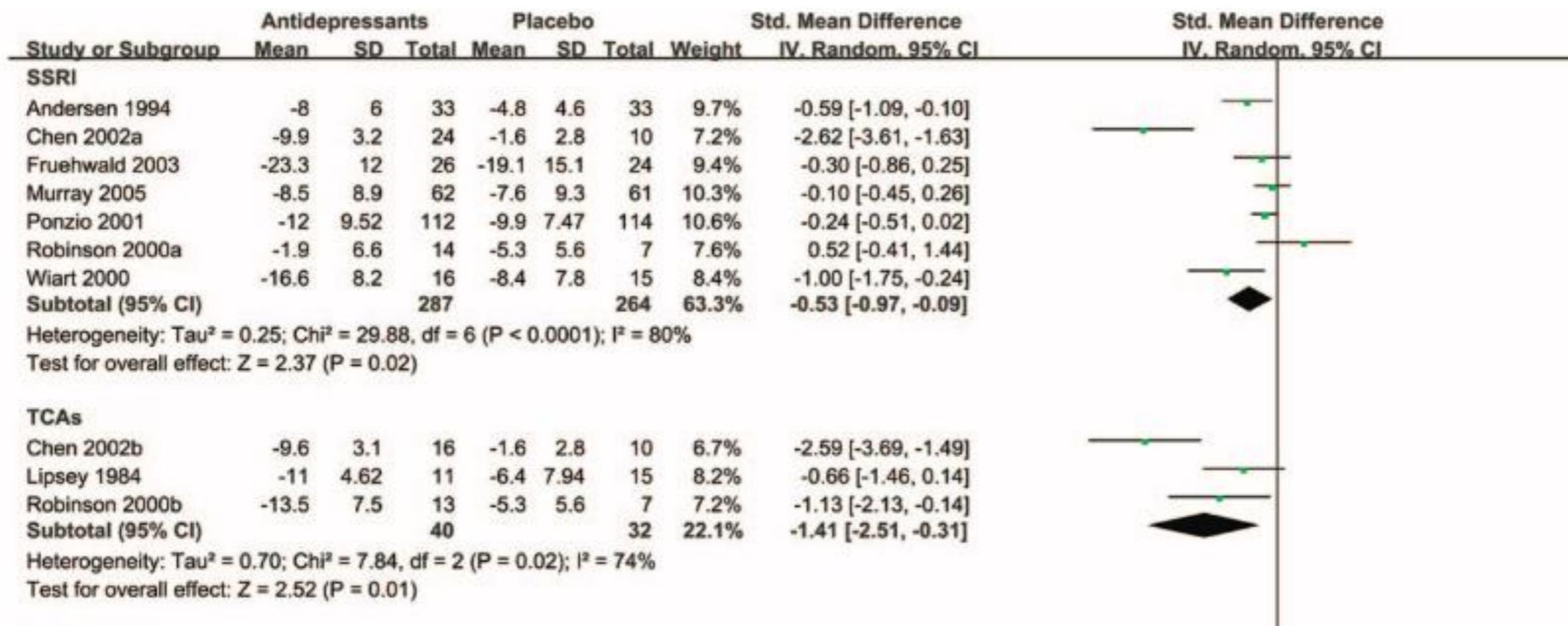


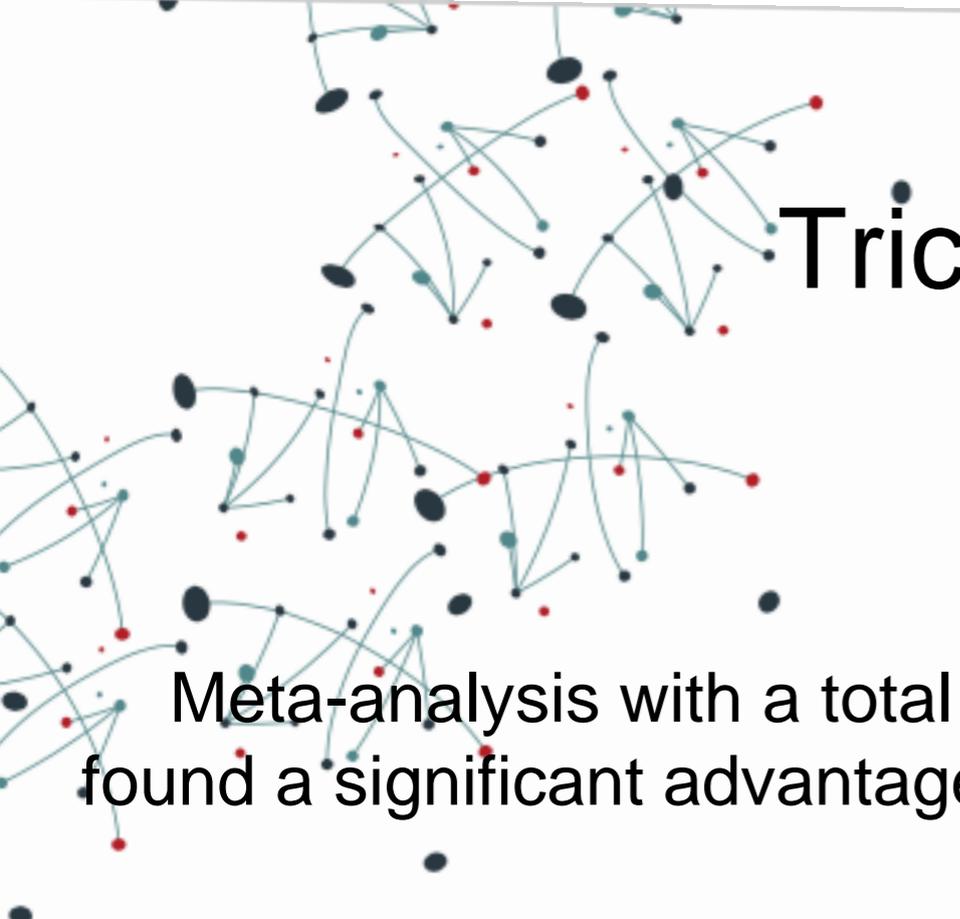
Figure 2. Effect of antidepressants in the treatment of PSD compared with placebo. PSD = post-stroke depression.



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Figure 4. Acceptability of antidepressants in the treatment of PSD. A, Withdrawals for any reason between antidepressants and control groups. B, Withdrawals for adverse events between antidepressants and control groups.

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Tricyclic ADs (TCAs)

Amitriptyline has similar in vitro reuptake inhibitory potencies for 5-HT and NA

Nortriptyline is preferentially a NA reuptake inhibitor. Both are also 5-HT₂ receptor antagonists.

Meta-analysis with a total of 40 cases treated with TCAs vs. 32 with placebo, found a significant advantage of TCAs over placebo (SMD = 1.41; 95% CI = 2.51 to 0.31; P=0.01).

Xu et al.2016,

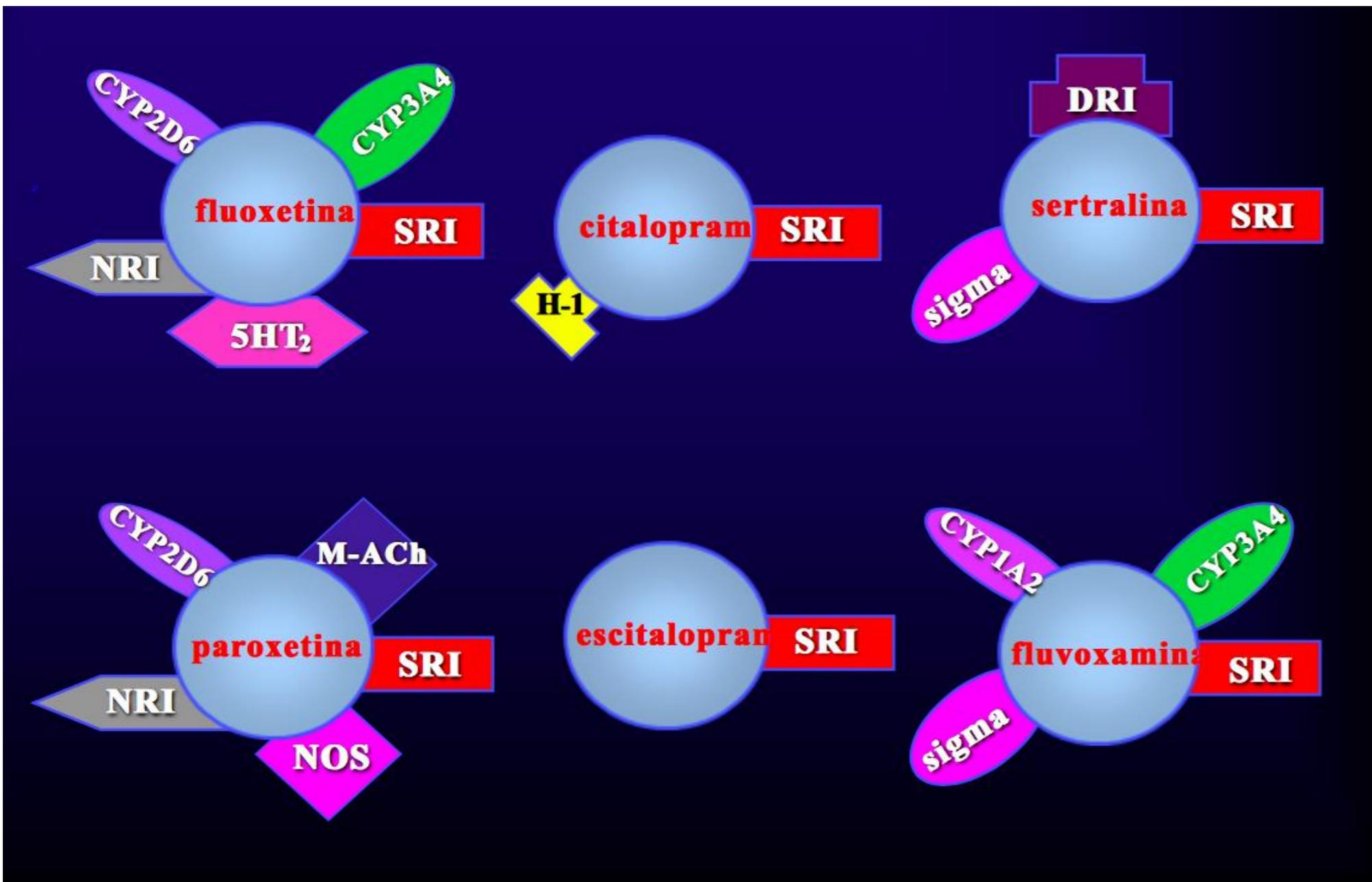
Caution in elderly stroke patients due to possible occurrence of
Orthostatic hypotension
Cardiac arrhythmia
Or in presence of glaucoma and prostate hyperplasia
Anticholinergic activity, (scoring 3 at Anticholinergic Burden Scale, the maximum score for risk of occurrence of delirium)

TCAs are not recommended as first-line choice for treatment of PSD.

Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (**SSRIs**)

The meta-analysis reported 7 trials, with a total of 287 patients treated with SSRIs vs 264 with placebo

Significant advantage of SSRIs versus placebo (SMD= 0.53; 95% CI=0.97 to 0.09; P=0.02)



Optimal length of treatment: the suggested length of 4-6 months is essentially an opinion of experts

Risk of intracerebral hemorrhage

Almost all serotonin in blood is contained in dense granules inside platelets. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors decrease these platelet serotonin stores, which can limit platelet adhesion in the setting of endothelial disruption

...a meta-analysis confirmed this risk, it also defined it to be very low (“....1 additional intracerebral bleeding episode per 10,000 persons treated for 1 year....”)

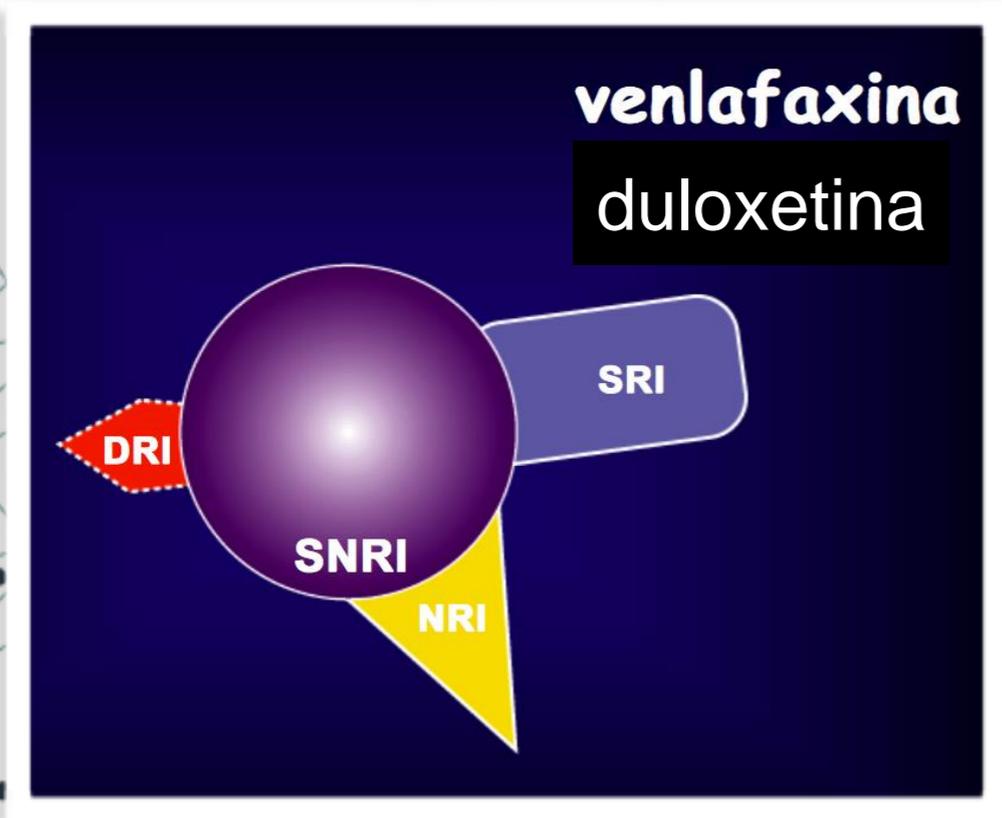
Hackam DG, Mrkobrada M. Neurology 2012;79:1862-1865.

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
and Intracranial Hemorrhage
Deriving Clinical Relevance From an Epidemiologic Association

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JAMA Neurology Published online December 5, 2016

- ICH modestly increased compared with TCAs (1.17; 95% CI, 1.02- 1.35)
- Risk highest during the first month of use.
- Strong inhibitors such as fluoxetine, paroxetine, and sertraline had an RR of 1.25 (90% CI, 1.01-1.54) compared with weak inhibitors
- **Anticoagulant medications** increased the risk of SSRIs compared with TCAs, although this result was not statistically significant
- Antiplatelet agents did not modulate this effect of SSRIs on intracranial bleeding.

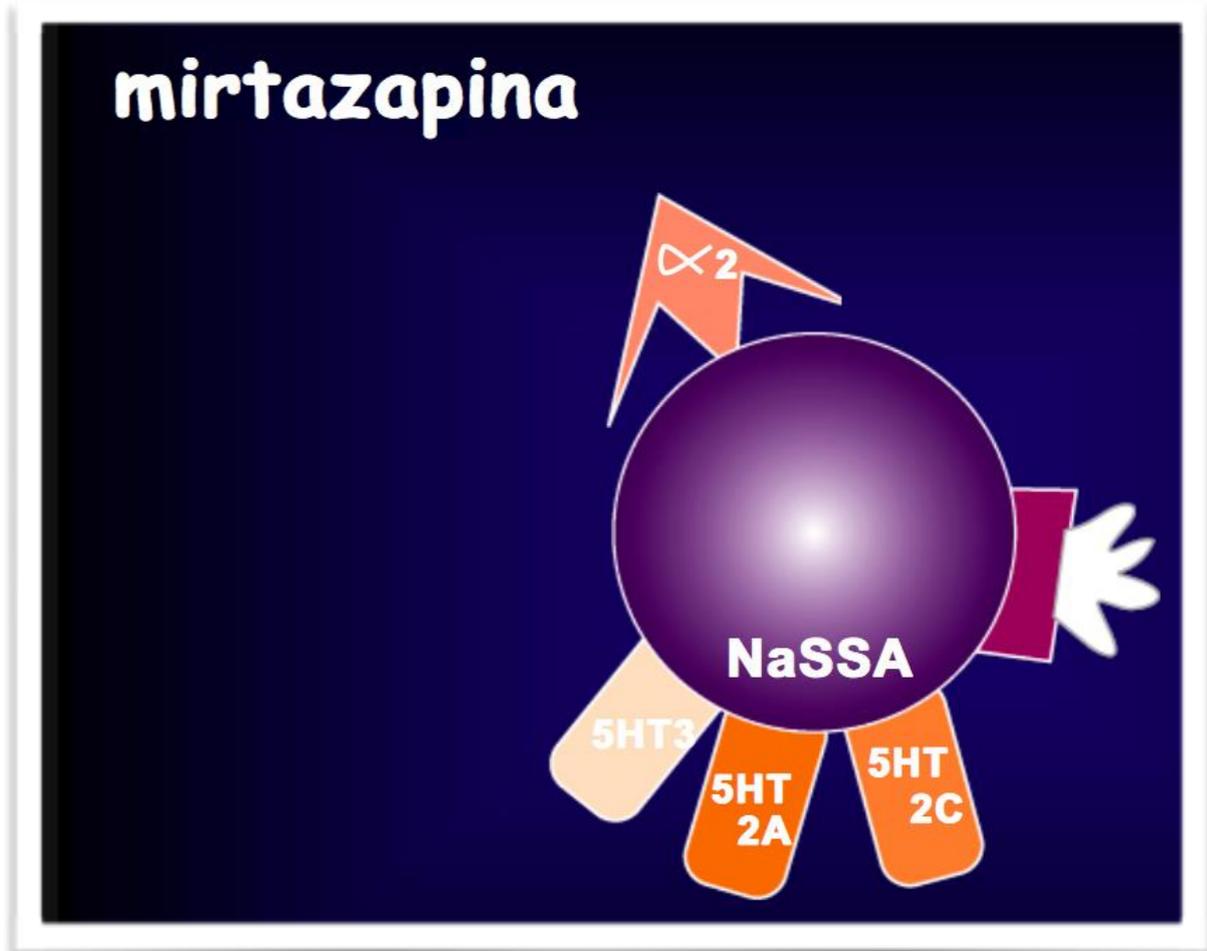


- Improving painful physical symptoms due to their noradrenergic action
- Patients treated with duloxetine compared with those treated with sertraline and citalopram, showed a greater and faster improvement in depressive symptoms and a better response on anxiety symptoms. *Karaiskos D.J Neuropsychiatry Clin Neurosci 2012;24:349-353.*
- Prophylactic use of duloxetine decreased the incidence of PSD, promoted rehabilitation, cognitive function and quality of life *Zhang LS Eur Neurol 2013;69:336-343.*
- Similar risk of intracranial hemorrhage

Efficacious in preventing and treating PSD *Niedermaier N.. J Clin Psychiatry 2004;65:1619- 1623.*

Sedation

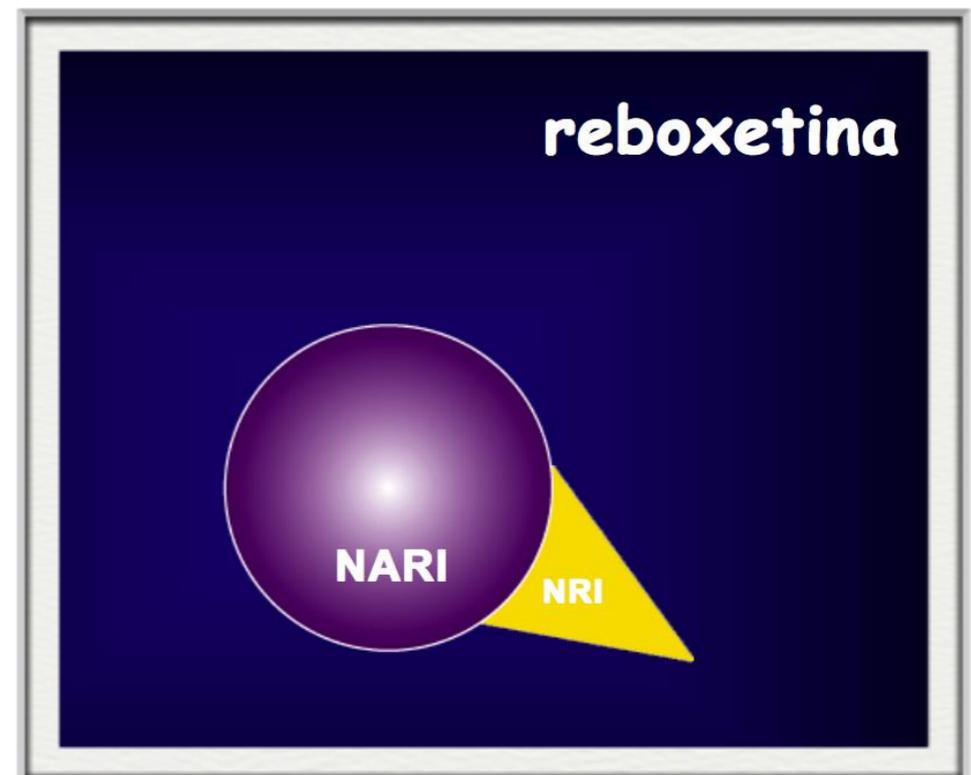
Weight gain



- Greater efficacy in PSD patients affected by "delayed" depression, as compared with citalopram

- More efficacious in patients with anxious depression

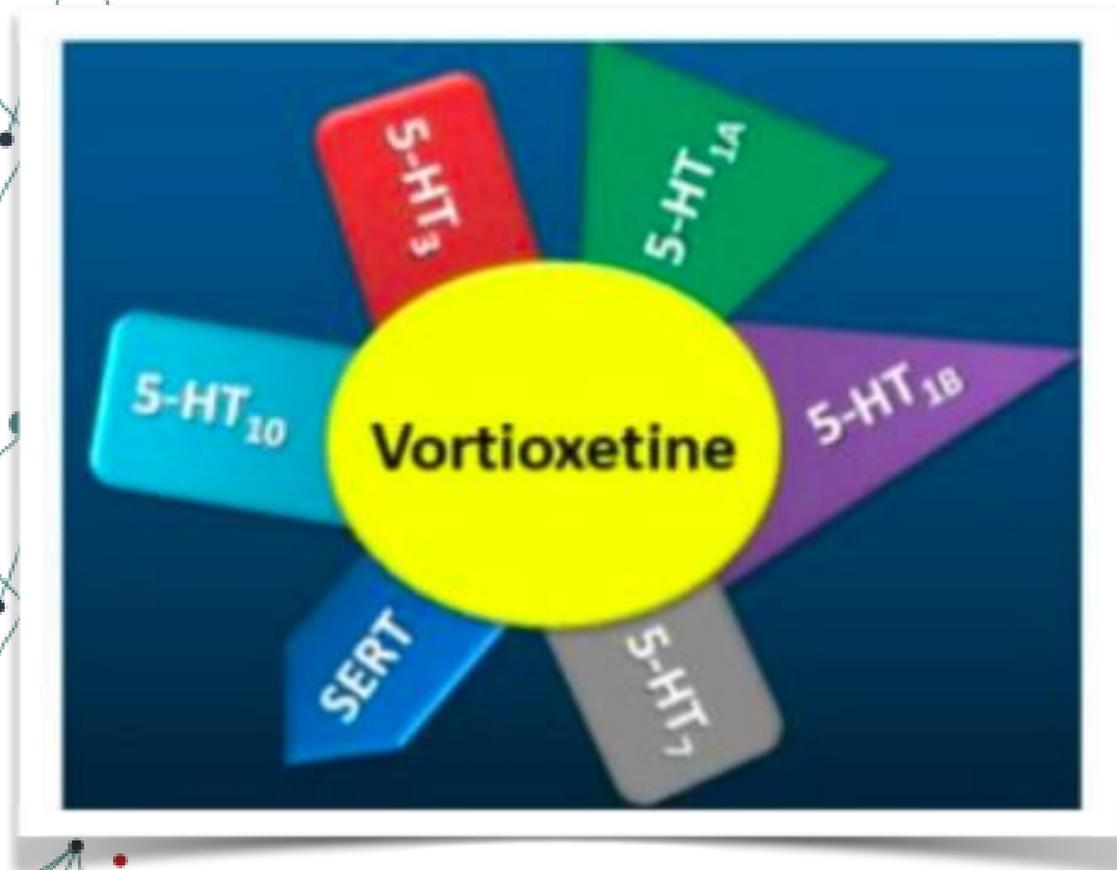
Rampello L. *Psychopharmacology (Berl)* 2004;173:73- 78.



- A recent meta-analysis on three DB-RCT, found that vortioxetine significantly improved cognition, independently by depressive symptoms

- Improvements in measures of executive function, attention/speed of processing, and memory. *McIntyre RS Int J Neuropsychopharmacol 2016*

- Coadministration of vortioxetine, even if in healthy volunteers, had no effect neither on aspirin or warfarin pharmacokinetics or pharmacodynamics nor on arterial blood pressure and cardiac parameters including QTc *Harrison JE, Int J Neuropsychopharmacol 2016*



Prevention of PSD Using Pharmacological Interventions

2008 Cochrane systematic review including 12 placebo-controlled trials of 611 individuals, finding no evidence that antidepressant drugs prevented depression after stroke. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2008.

A meta-analysis: 8 RCTs (from 1990 through 2011) preventive pharmacological interventions among 776 initially non depressed stroke patients.

PSD was reduced among patients receiving active pharmacological treatment *no significant differences* between the active treatment and placebo groups in the *frequency of side effects*. *Salter et al. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis 2013*



Raccomandazione 15.9

Forte contro

Grado A

Allo stato attuale non è raccomandato alcun trattamento farmacologico o psicoterapico per prevenire l'insorgenza della depressione post-ictus.

Recommendations: Poststroke Depression, Including Emotional and Behavioral State	Class	Level of Evidence
The usefulness of routine use of prophylactic antidepressant medications is unclear.	IIb	A

Highlights

PSD is a negative, but modifiable risk factors “quoad vitam” and “quoad valetudinem”

Screening to everyone, acute and serially

Antidepressants are efficacious for stroke survivors with PSD

SSRI: Citalopram, escitalopram and sertraline are to be preferred because of a lower risk of ***drug interactions***

Choose an AD on the basis of ***clinical features of depressive symptoms***

- Noradrenergic/dopaminergic action: symptomatology of hypoactivation/DED
- Serotonergic drug: anxious symptoms.
- SNRIs: pain related symptoms
- Mirtazapine: sedative-hypnotic properties, increase the appetite and weight.
- Vortioxetine improved cognition, no effect on aspirin or warfarin