

Prevalence of mental health problems among people living with HIV

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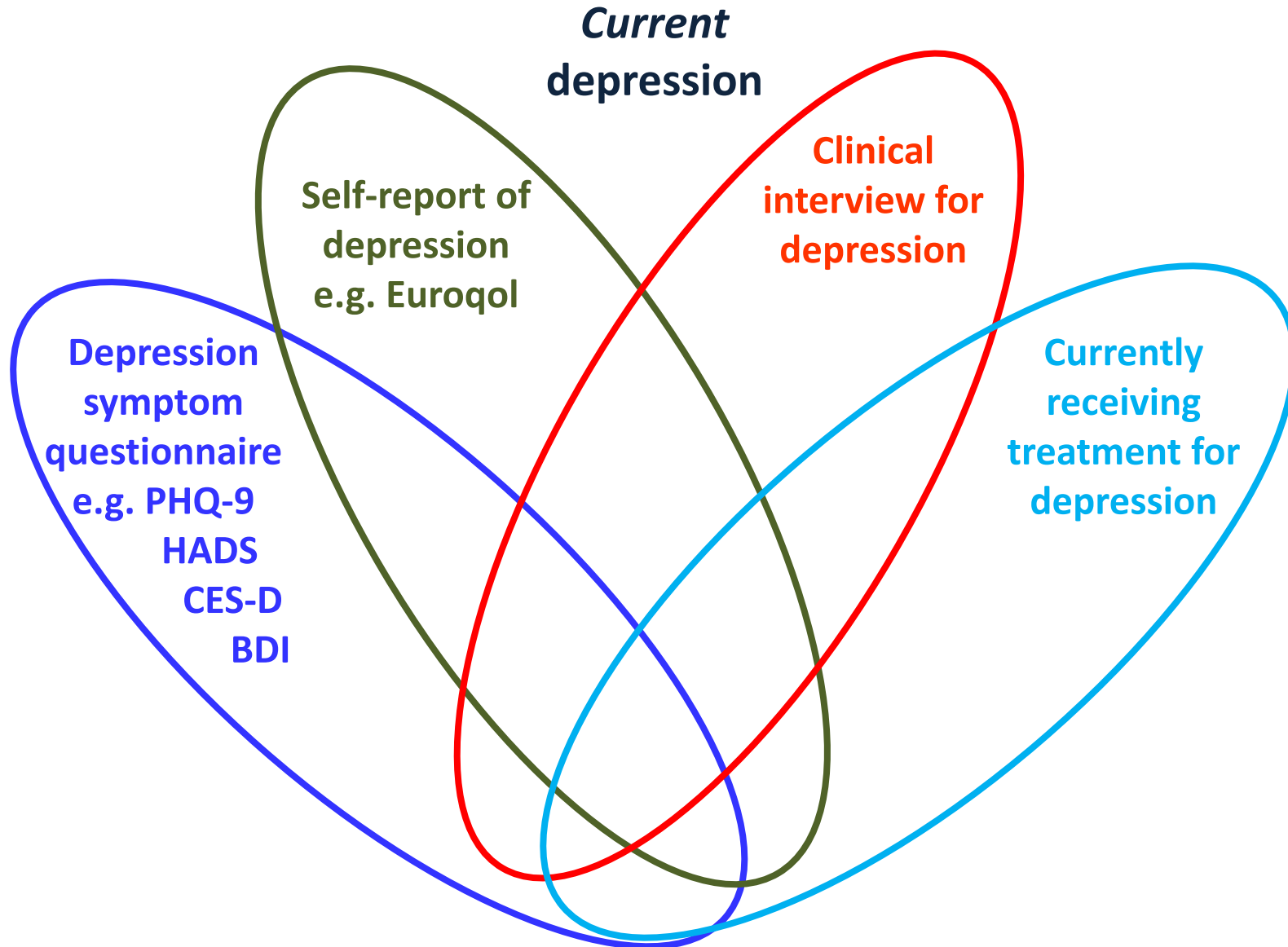
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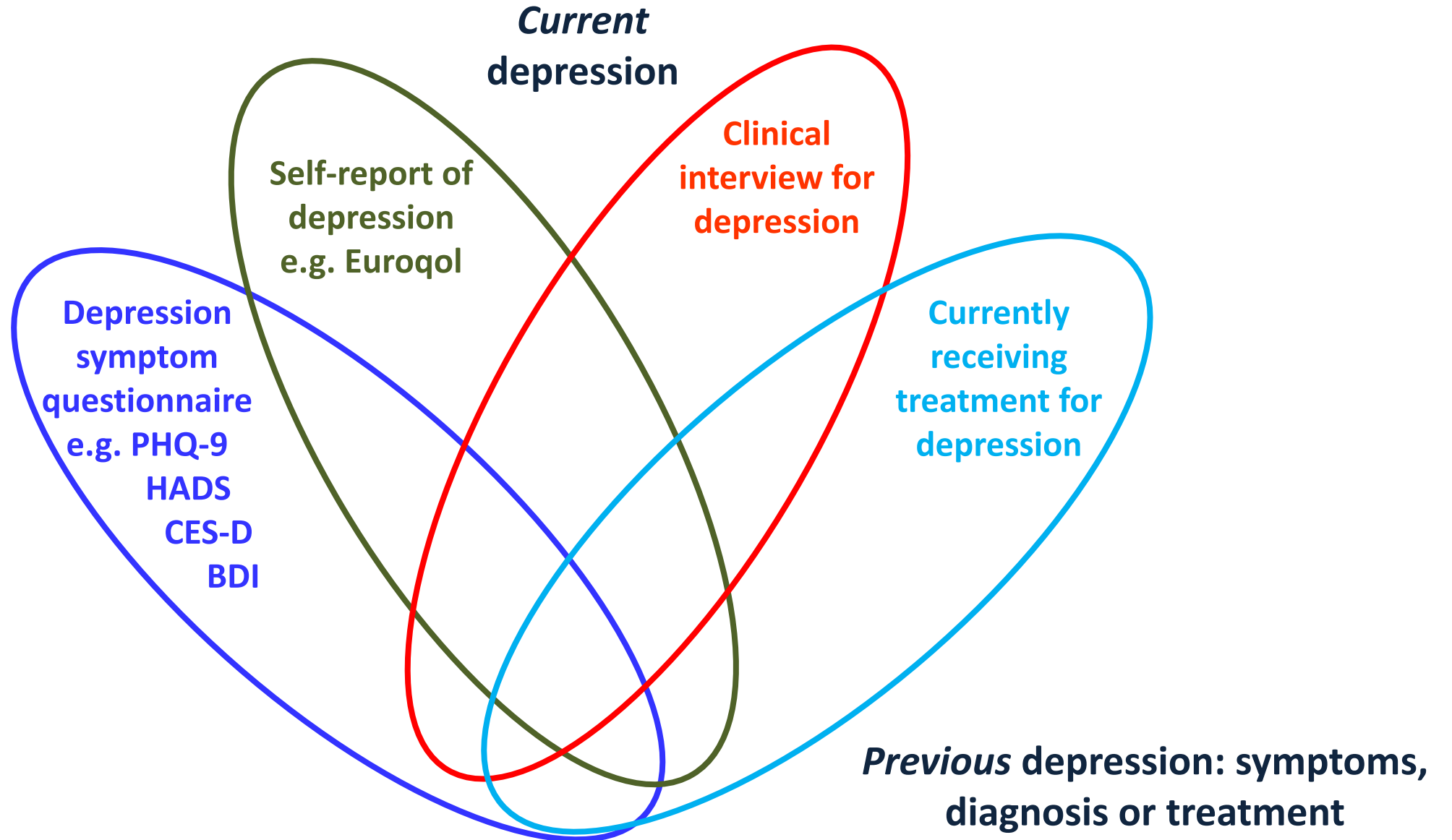
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Research on mental health among HIV-positive people in Europe

- Observational studies measuring mental health variables in HIV-positive people in **Europe in 2008-2018**
- Studies from at least 20 European countries (depression; quality of life; anxiety; other)



Albania: Morrison, *J Infect Dev Ctries* 2014, *Croat Med J* 2011

Belgium: Degroote, *Acta Clin Belgica* 2014

Denmark: Rodkjaer, *Int J Infect Dis* 2014, *HIV Med* 2016; Slot, *HIV Med* 2015,

Estonia: Lemsalu, *AIDS Beh* 2017

Finland: Nobre, *AIDS Care* 2016

France: Figuero, *HIV Med* 2010; Cuzin, *HIV Med* 2016; Feuillet, *HIV Med* 2017; Carrieri, *PLoS ONE* 2017, *Enel AIDS Care* 2018

Germany: Ronel, *Psychol Hlth Med* 2018

Italy: Marando, *AIDS Care* 2016; Venturini, *AIDS Care* 2017

Netherlands: Sumari-de Boer, *AIDS Beh* 2012; Oberje, *AIDS Beh* 2015; Langebeek, *AIDS* 2017; Verbooy *AIDS Care* 2018; Engelhard, *AIDS* 2018

Norway: Eller, *AIDS Care* 2010

Poland: Nobre, *AIDS Care* 2016; Rzeszutek, *Arch Wom Hlth* 2018

Portugal: Braganca, *AIDS Beh* 2011; Nobre, *AIDS Care* 2016; Monteiro, *AIDS Care* 2016; Maia, *J Assoc Nur AIDS Care* 2017; Serrao *Int J Infect Dis* 2019

Romania: Rsolul, *AIDS Care* 2018; Ursoiu, *AIDS Care* 2018

Russia: Lasser, *PLoS ONE* 2018

Spain: Briongos Figuero, *HIV Med* 2011; Bayon, *Antiv Th* 2012; Gutierrez, *HIV Med* 2014; Baller-Arnai, *AIDS Beh* 2016; Bayon-Perez, *AIDS Care* 2016; Fumaz, *Eu J Psy* 2019

Sweden: Zeluf-Andersson, *AIDS Care* 2019

Switzerland: Anagnostopoulos, *PLoS ONE* 2015

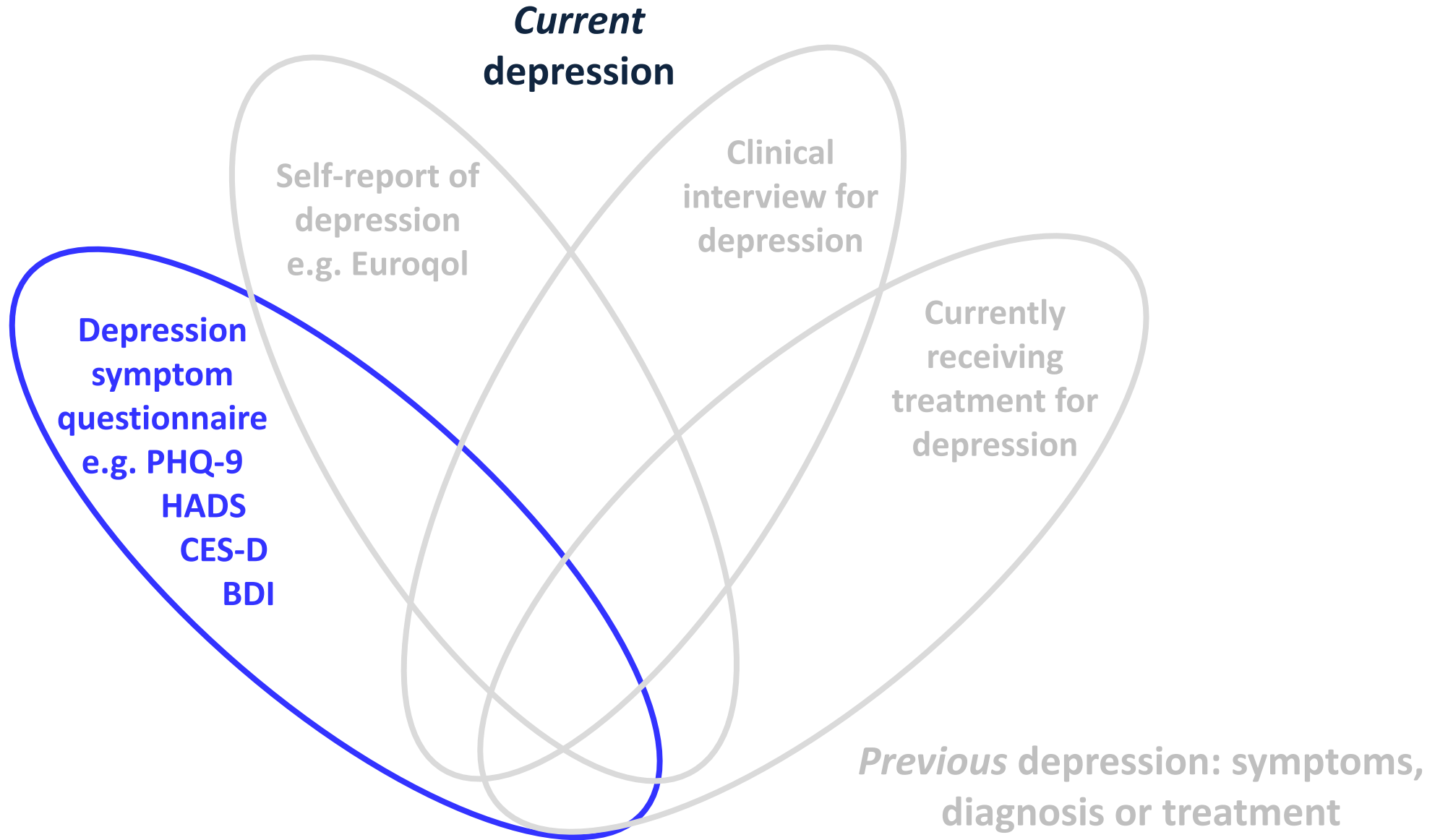
Turkey: Demirel, *AIDS Care* 2019

UK & Ireland: Miners, *Lancet HIV* 2014; O'Brien, *Hlth Qual Out* 2015; Underwood, *HIV Med* 2016; McGowan, *HIV Med* 2017; Sherr, *J Vir Erad* 2016;

Patel, *Int J STD AIDS* 2016; Murphy, *AIDS Care* 2018; Tariq, *PRIME-report* 2018; De Francesco, *HIV Med* 2019

Europe: Robertson, *AIDS Care* 2014; Tirado-Munoz, *Arch Wom Hlth* 2018

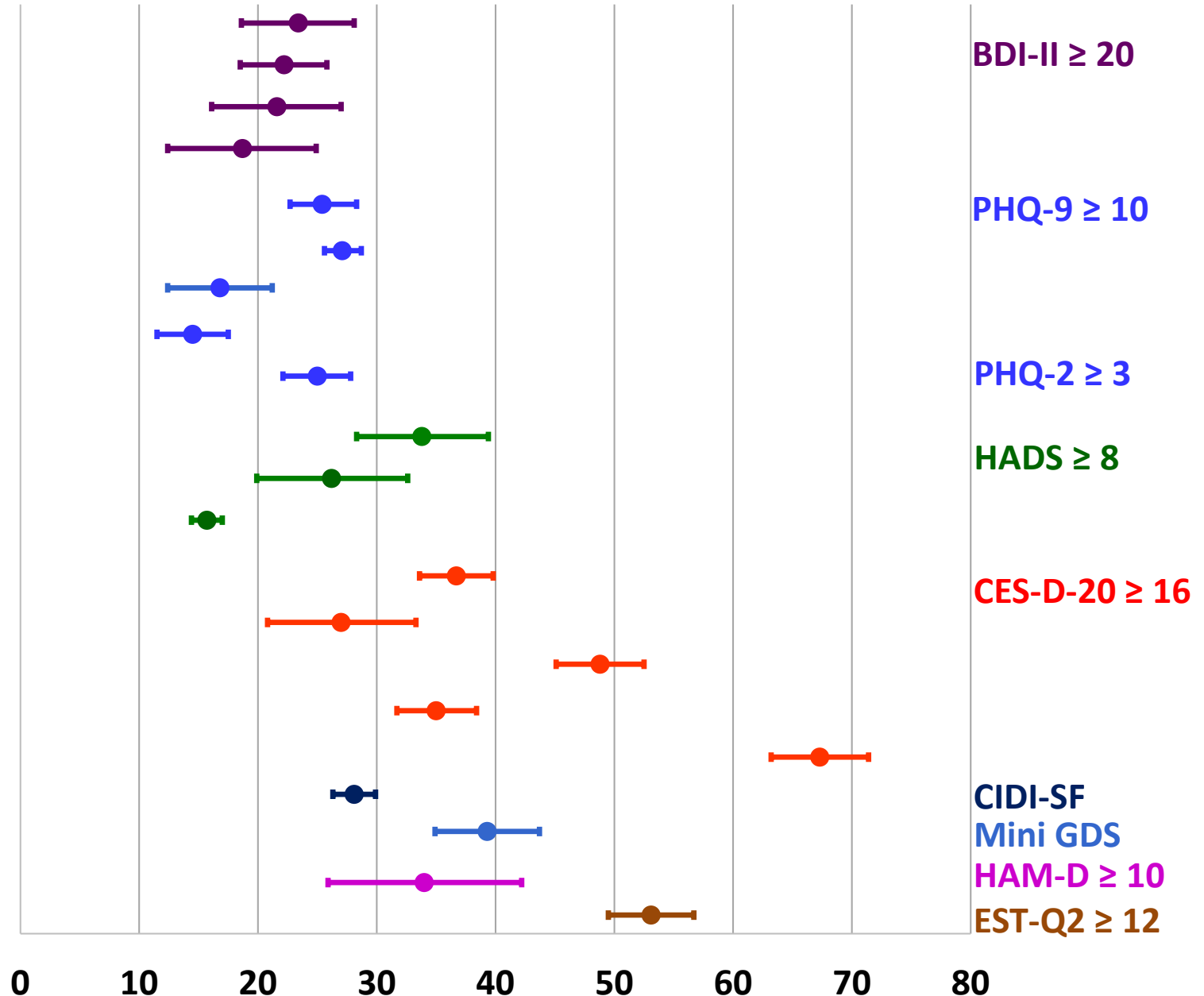
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Depression - symptom questionnaire, HIV-positive, Europe

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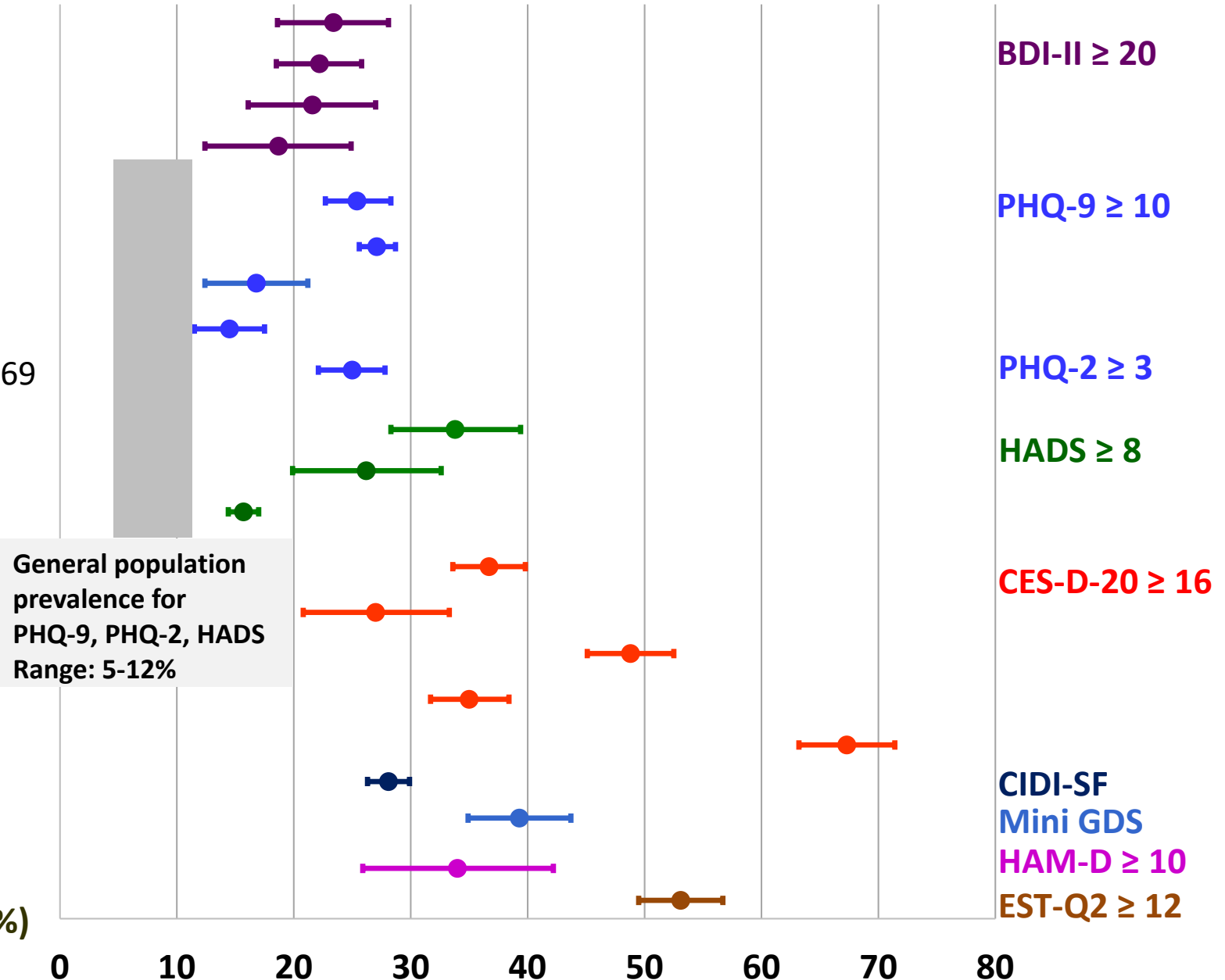
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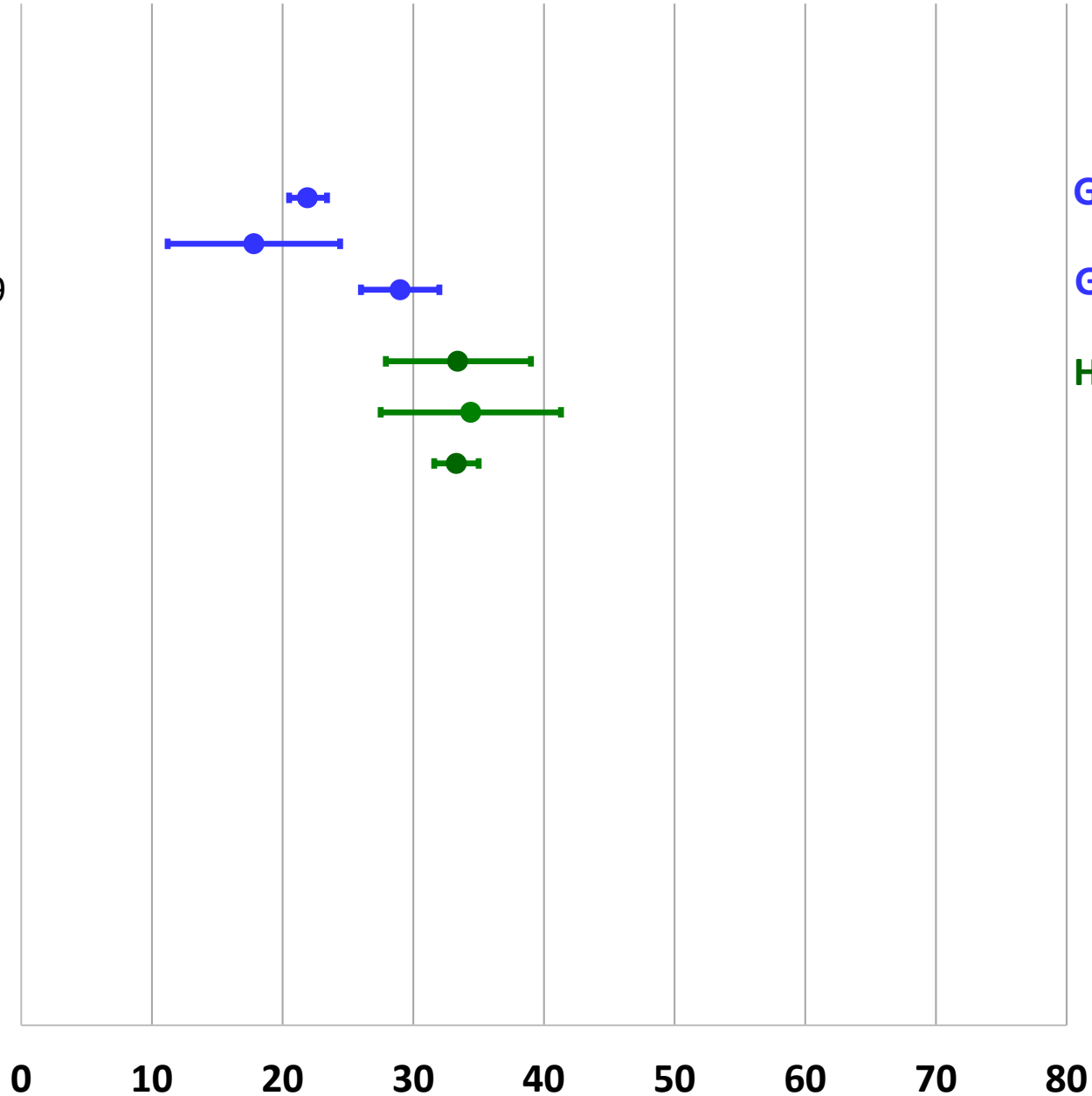
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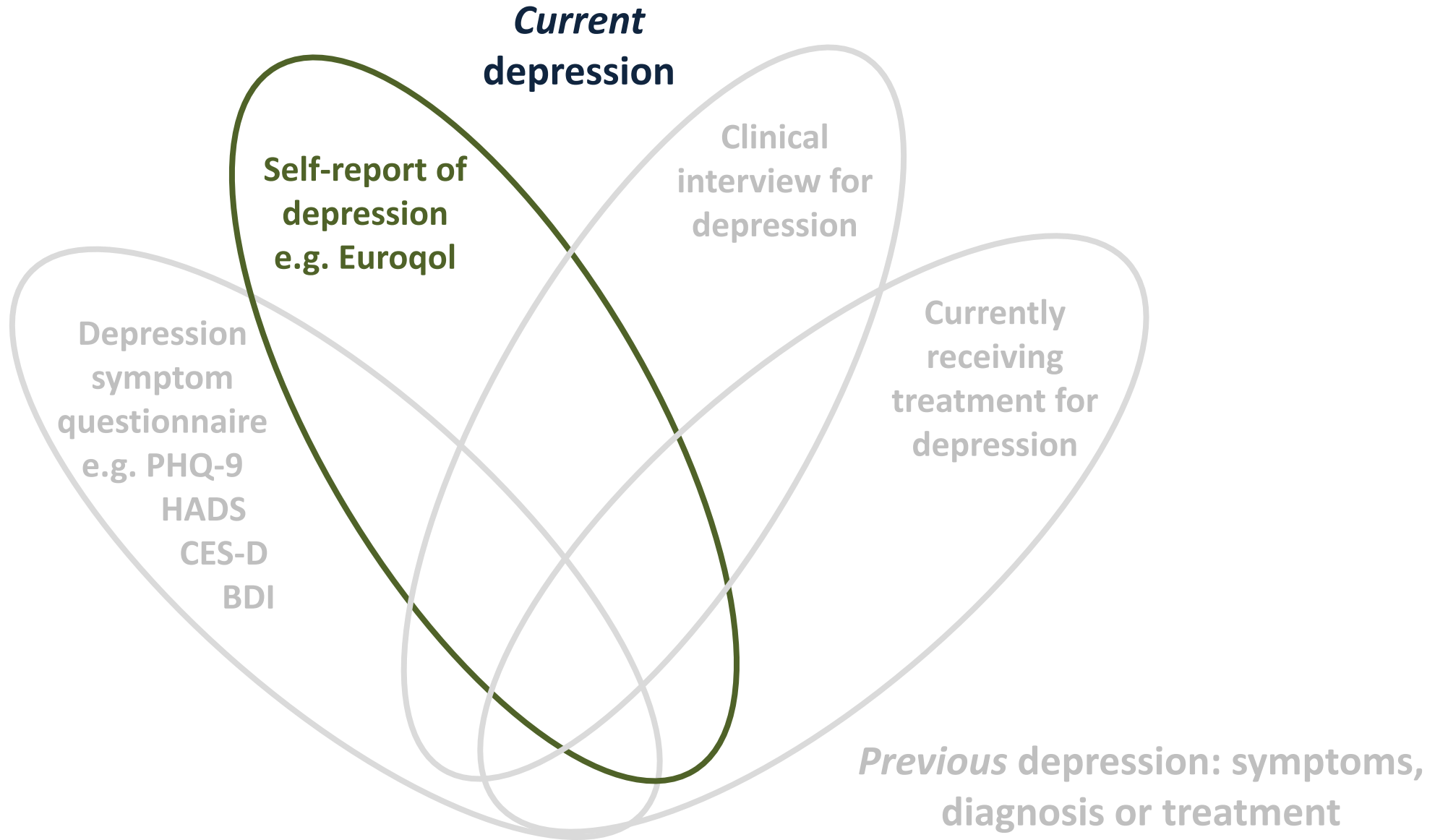


GAD-7 ≥ 10

GAD-2 ≥ 3

HADS ≥ 8

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Depression / anxiety – self-report, HIV-positive, Europe

England (ASTRA) 2011-12 N=3151

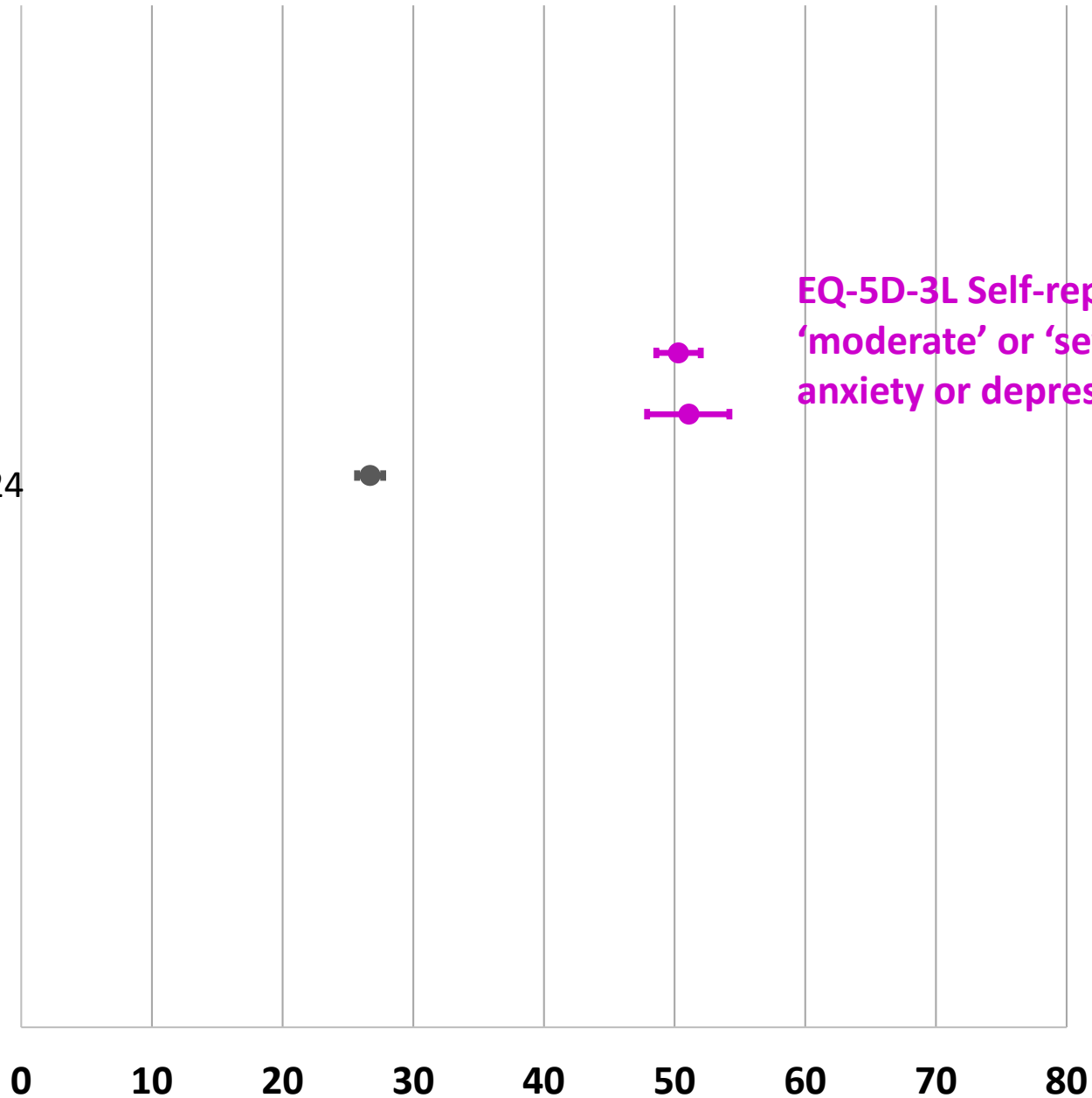
Italy (IANUA), 2015 N=943

England general population (HSE)*, 2011 N=7424

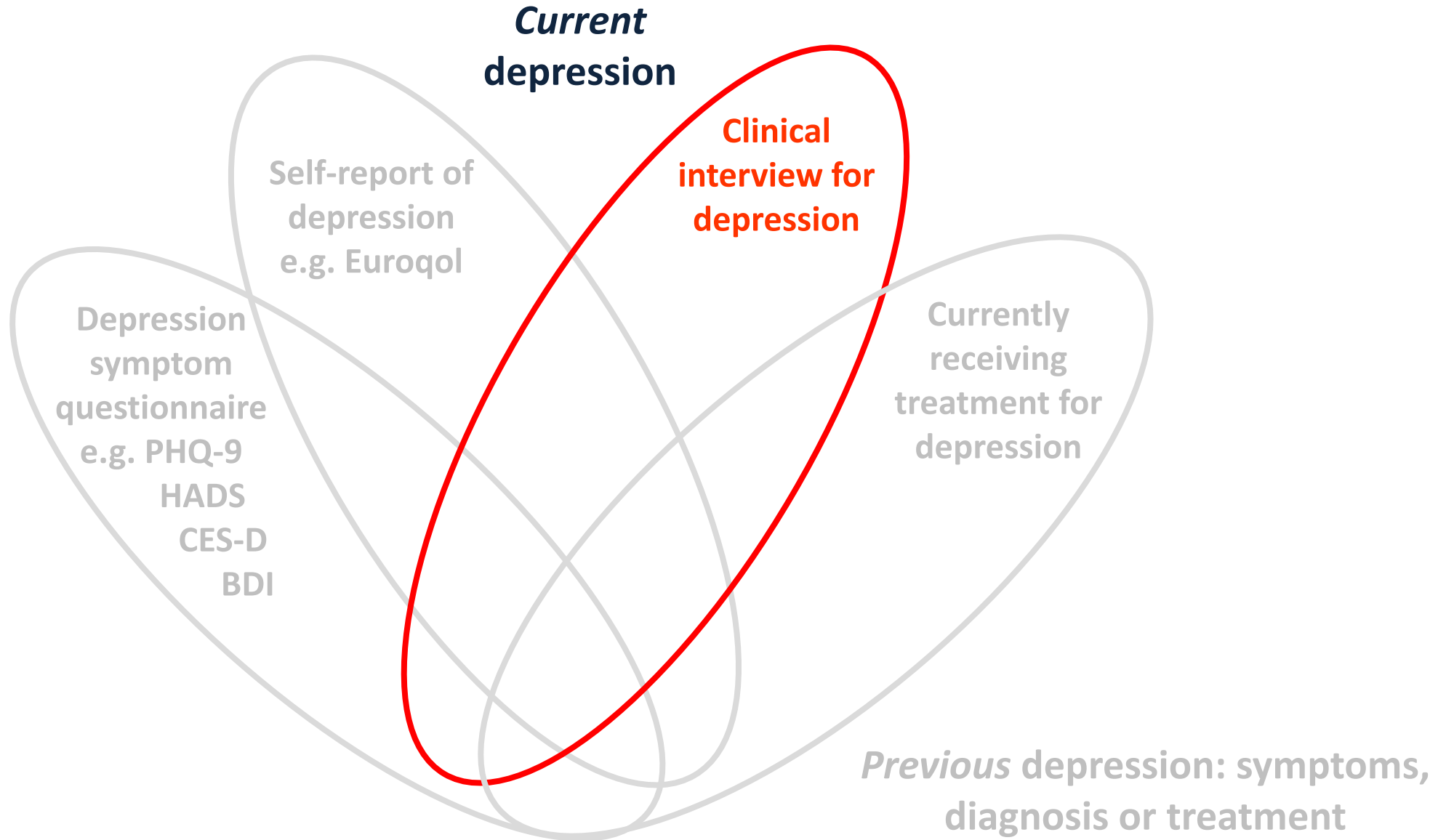
EQ-5D-3L Self-report of
'moderate' or 'severe'
anxiety or depression

*Miners et al, Lancet HIV 2014

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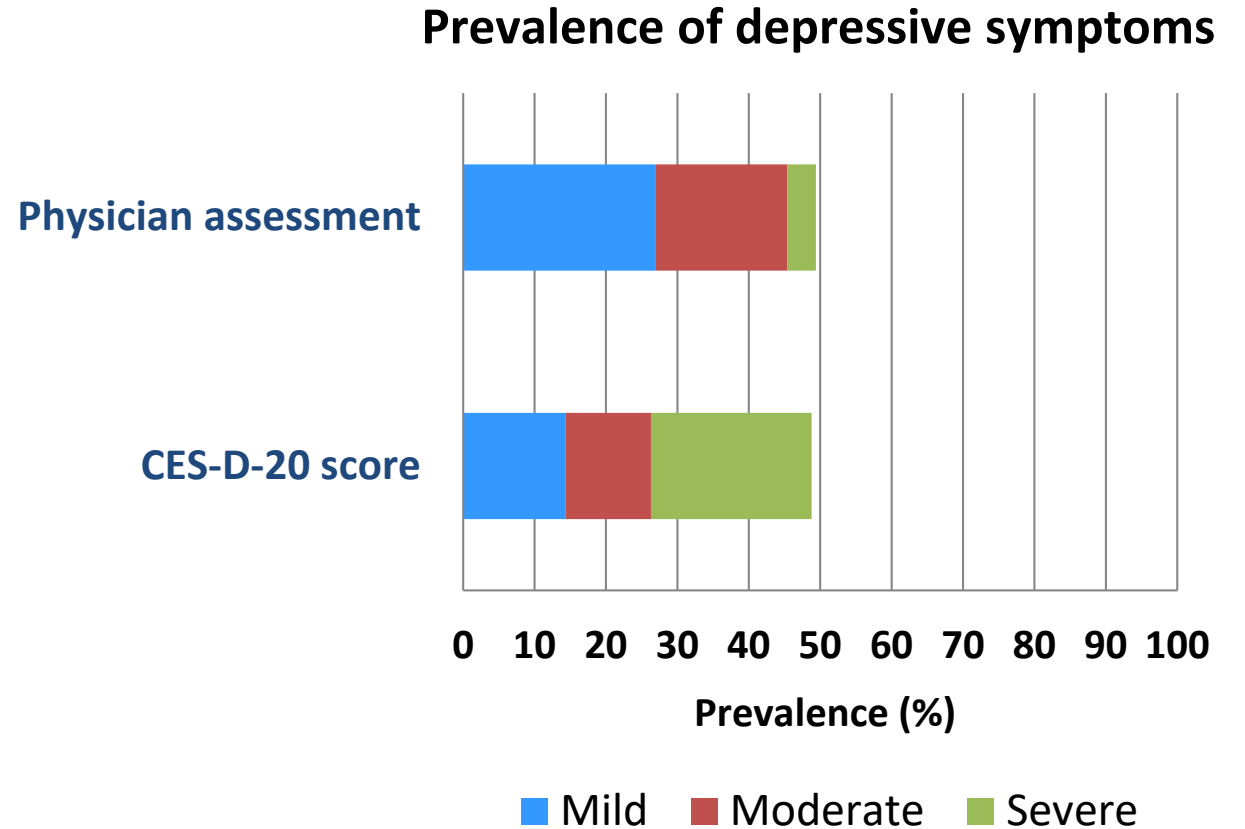


Depression - clinical interview, HIV-positive, Europe

*N=113 HIV-positive people on ART,
no prior mental health diagnosis
Spain 2014*

- Semi-structured interview by psychiatrist or psychologist
- Prevalence of undiagnosed depression: **21.2% (13.3%, 29.2%)**

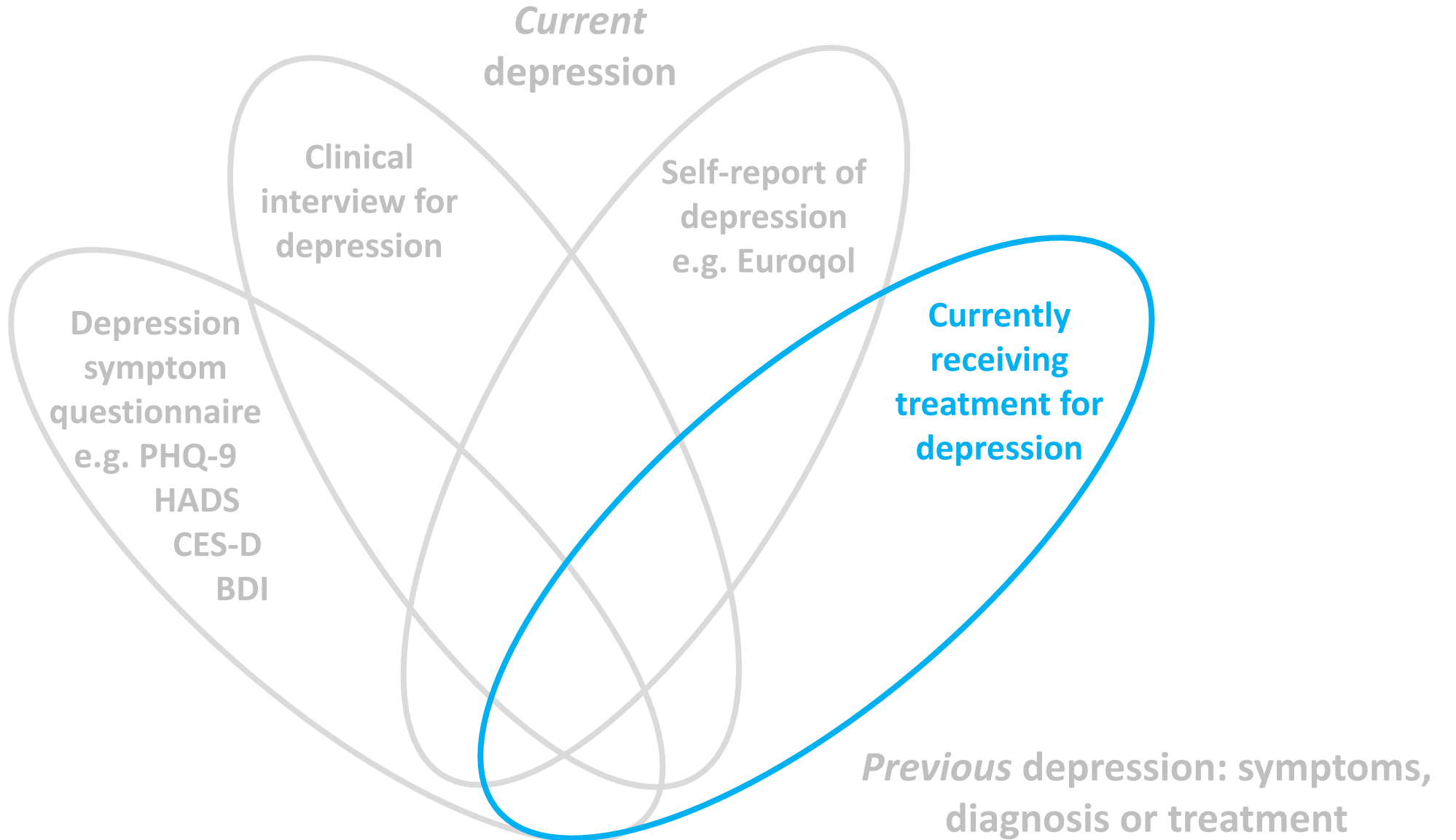
*N=709 HIV-positive people
DHIVA Study, Italy <2015*



Bayon-Perez et al. AIDS Care 2016

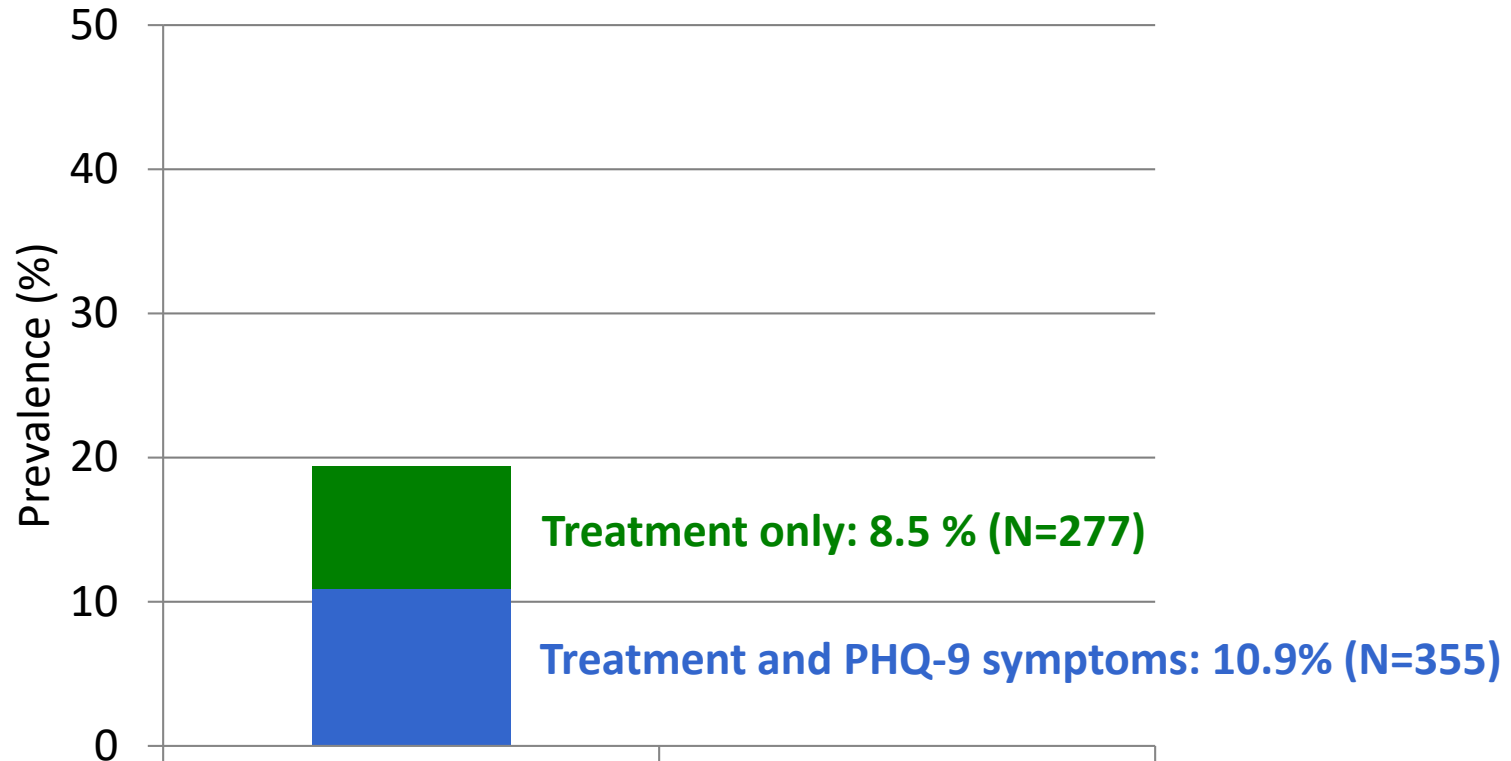
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Depression – receiving treatment, HIV-positive, England

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ASTRA Study, England 2011-2012*



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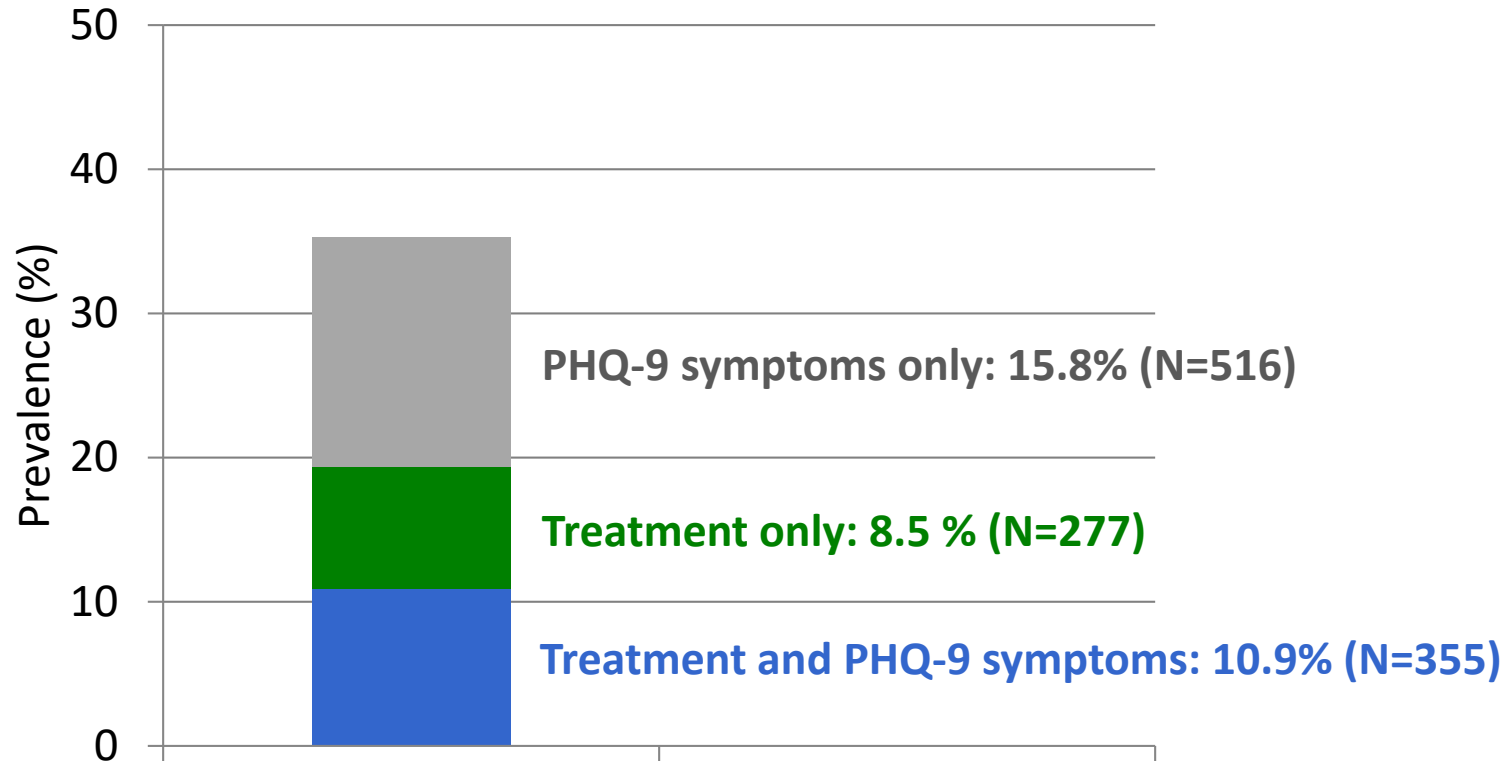
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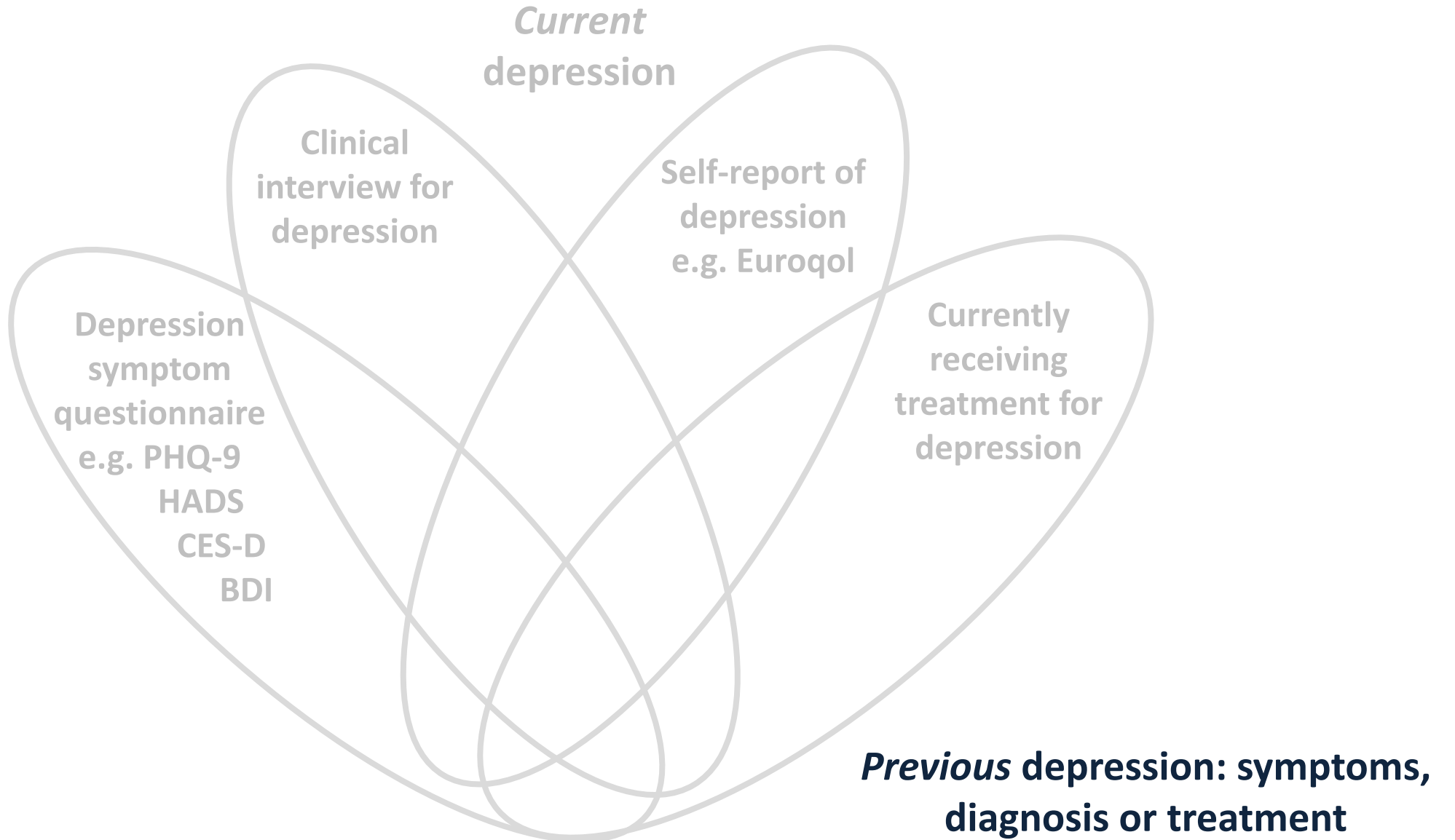
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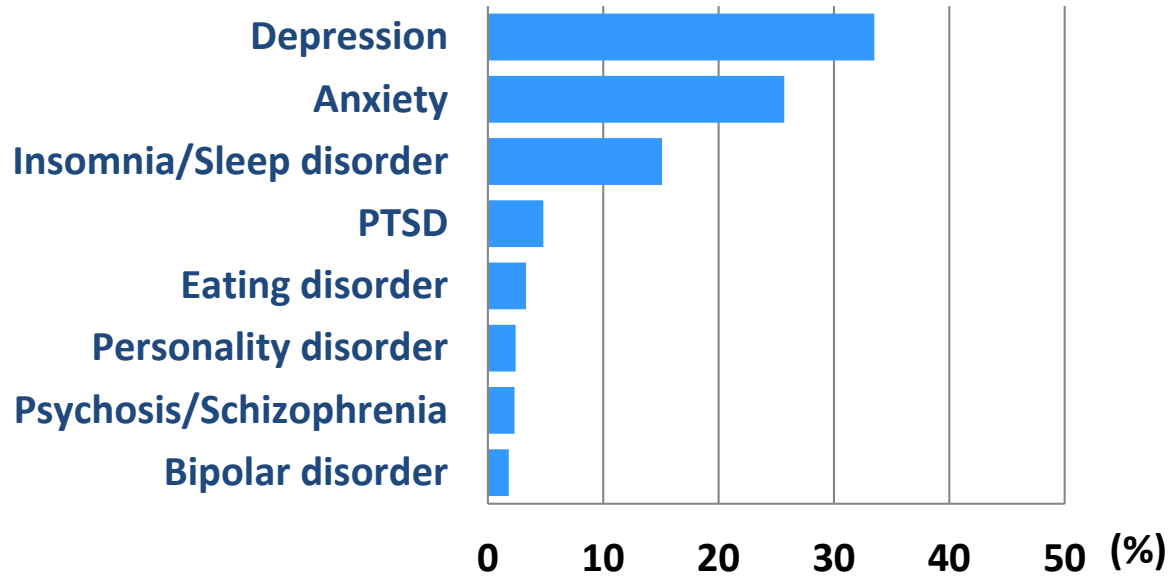
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Mental health – previous diagnosis, HIV-positive, Europe

N=4424 HIV-positive
Positive Voices Study, UK 2017

Prevalence of ever diagnosed conditions



Acknowledgements, Meaghan Kall, Public Health England

N=401 HIV-positive
Portugal 2019

Percentage with diagnosis depression/chronic anxiety documented in medical records: 24%

Serrao et al. Int J Infect Dis 2019

N=2189 HIV-positive
GPRD cohort study, UK 2005

Percentage with primary care recorded symptoms or diagnosis of mental health problem following HIV diagnosis:

- 37.3% of men
- 27.0% of women

Evans et al. Sex Trans Infect 2009

N=79 HIV-positive
Albania 2009

Percentage with history of mental health diagnosis following HIV diagnosis:

- 62% had depression diagnosis
- 82% had anxiety diagnosis

Morrison et al. Croat Med J 2011

Psychotropic drug use: HIV-positive vs general population, Denmark

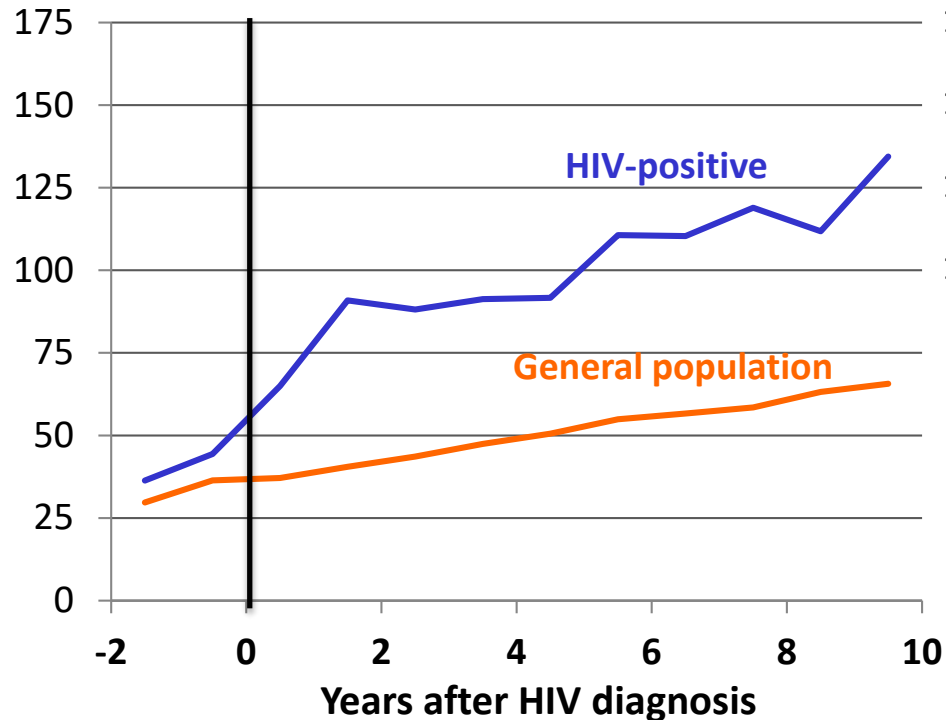
N=4460 HIV-positive

N=40140 age-sex-matched general population comparison cohort

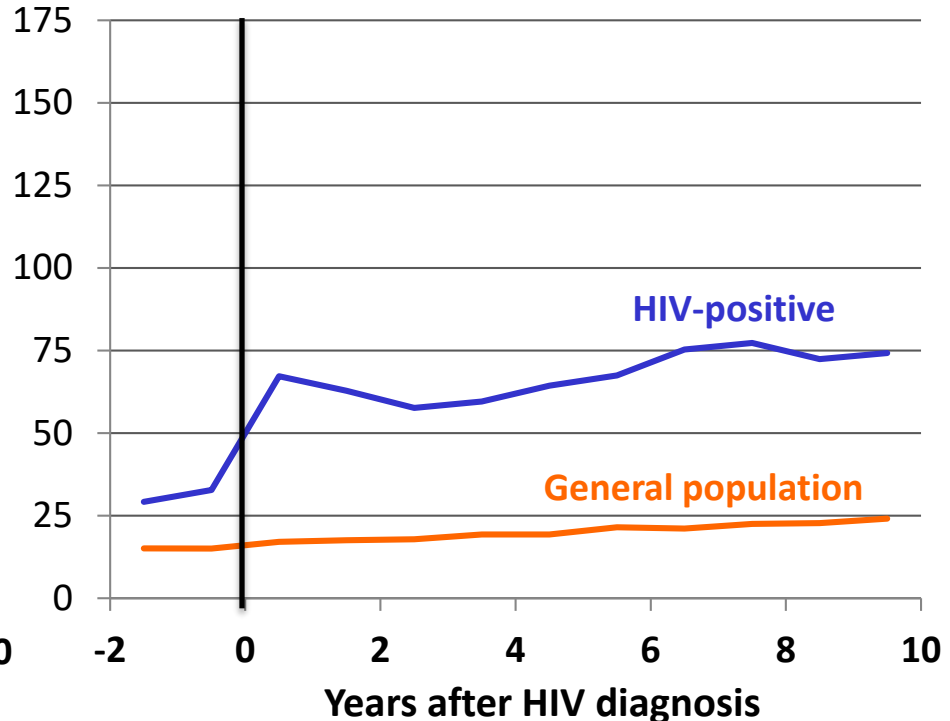
Danish HIV Cohort Study & Danish National Prescription Registry, 1995-2009

Anti-depressants

Utilisation rate: defined daily doses per 1000 person-days



Hypnotics and sedatives



Adapted from Rasmussen et al. HIV Medicine 2014

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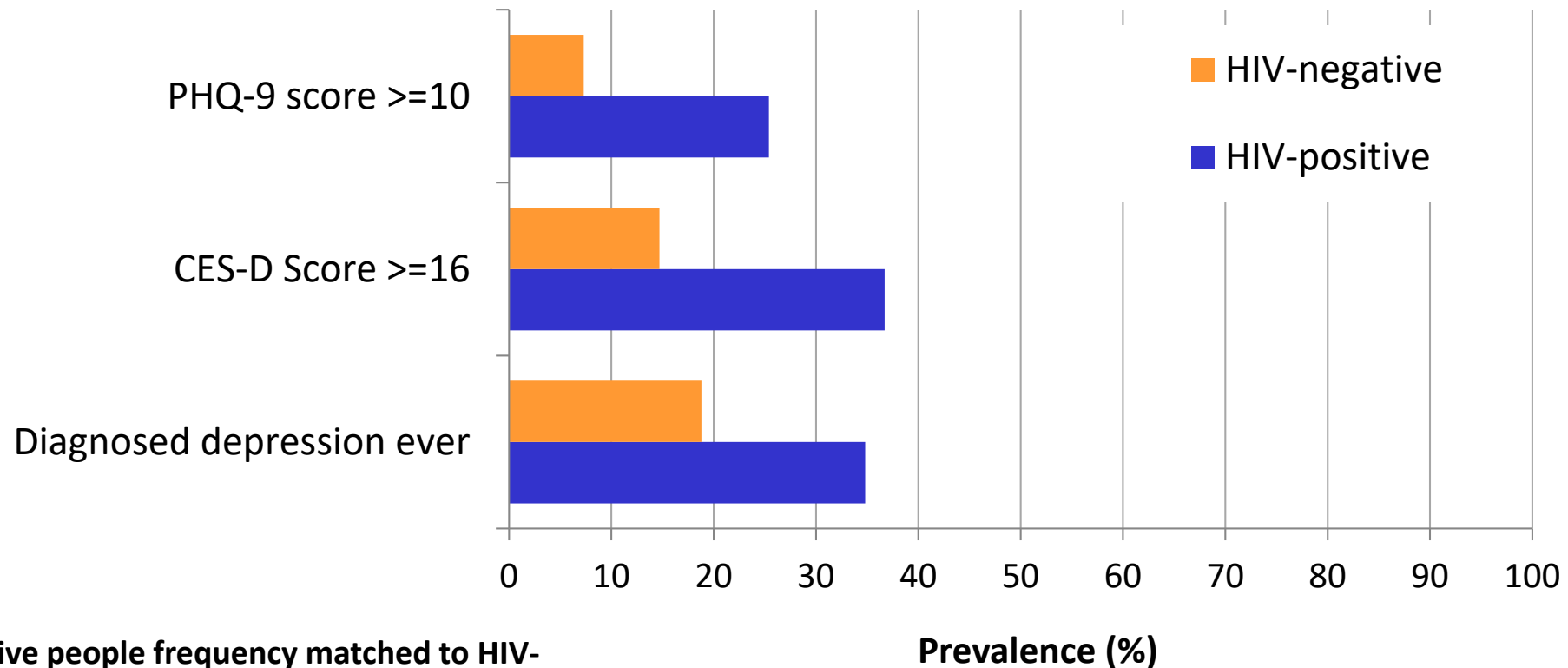
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Mental health: HIV-positive vs HIV-negative, UK & Ireland

N=975 HIV-positive

N=288 HIV-negative

POPPY Study, 2013-14, aged ≥ 50



HIV-negative people frequency matched to HIV-positive people for: gender, sexual orientation; ethnicity; location

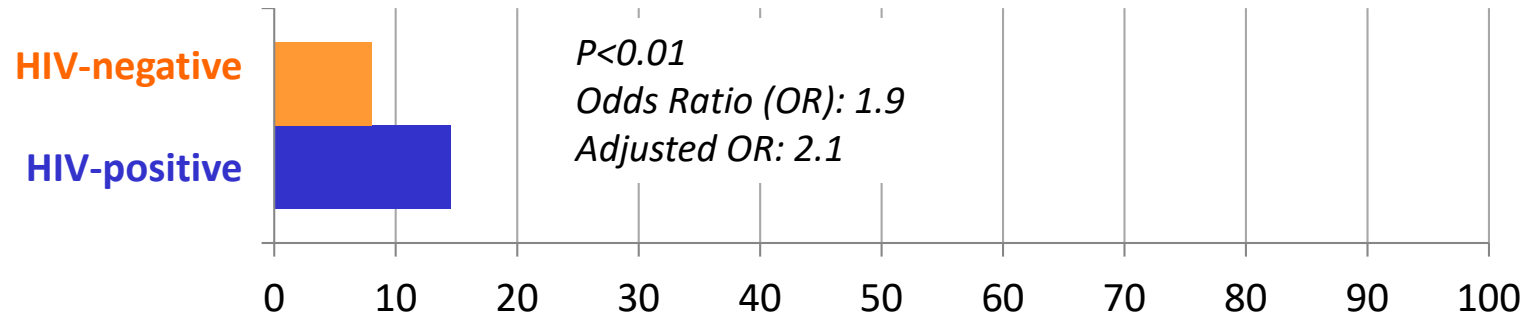
Acknowledgements Caroline Sabin & Davide De Francesco & De Francesco, HIV Med 2019

Mental health: HIV-positive vs HIV-negative, Netherlands

N=541 HIV-positive

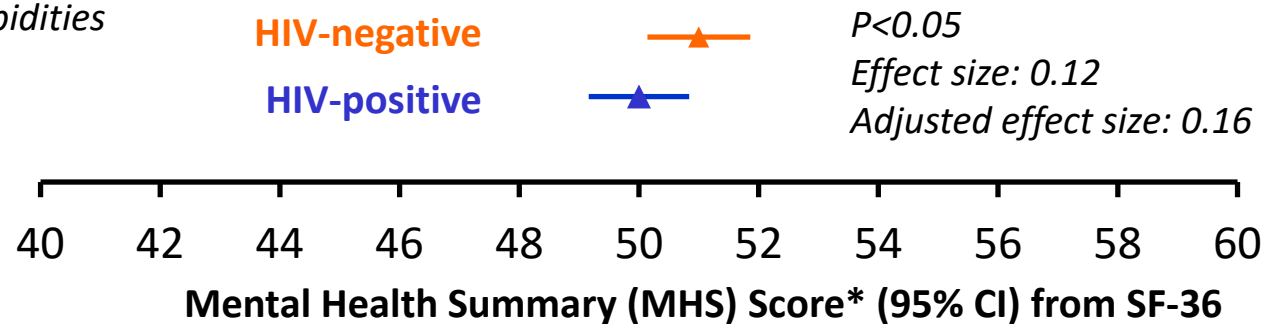
N=524 HIV-negative

AGEHIV Cohort Study, Netherlands 2010-2012, age ≥45 years



*Adjusted estimates
adjusted for age,
demographic factors,
number of comorbidities*

Prevalence of depressive symptoms, PHQ-9 score ≥ 10



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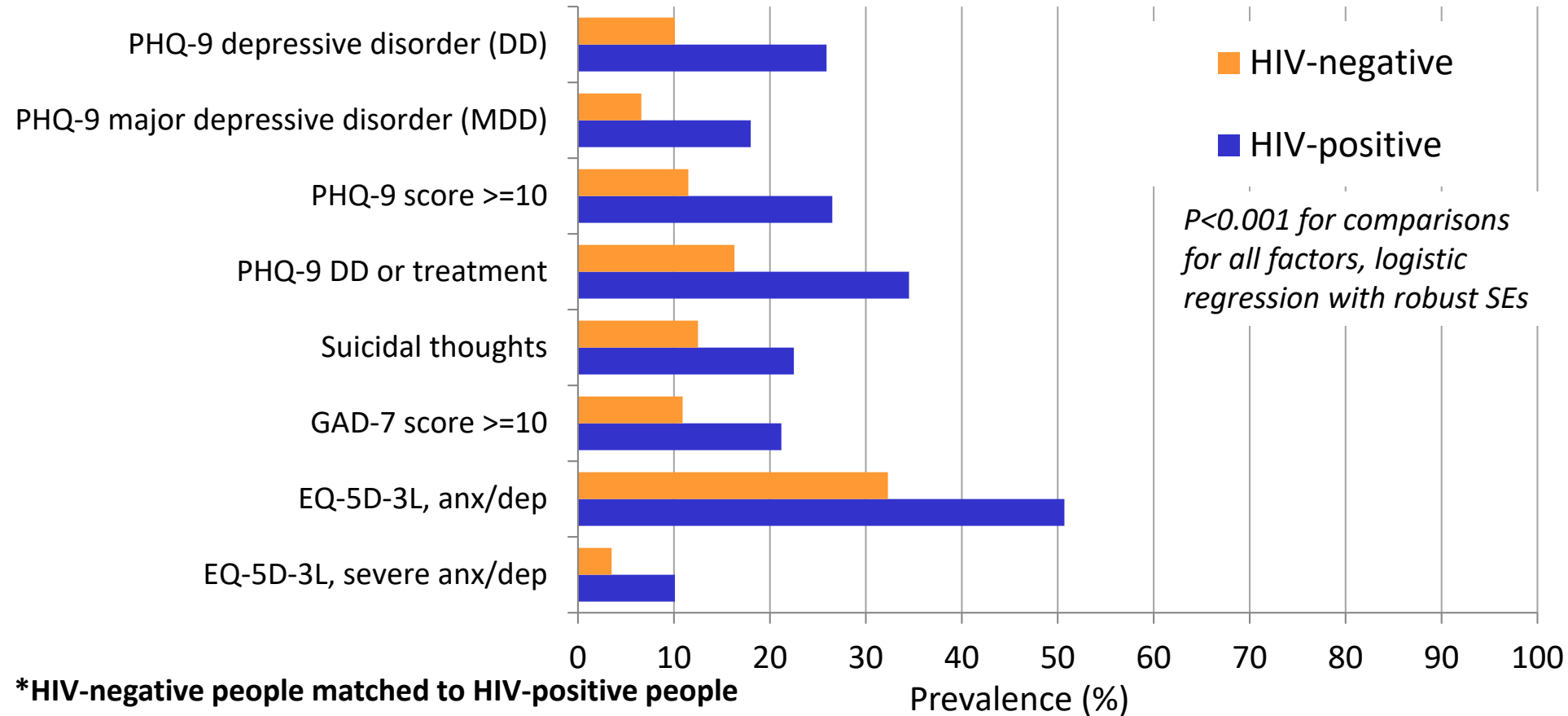
Adapted from Langebeek et al. AIDS 2017

Mental health: HIV-positive vs HIV-negative, England

N=2865 HIV-positive

N=2865 HIV-negative / undiagnosed

*ASTRA and AURAH studies, England 2011-12 and 2013-14, age ≤70 years, matched analysis**



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ASTRA and AURAH studies

Article

Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between HIV Infection and Risk for Depressive Disorders

Jeffrey A. Ciesla, M.A.
John E. Roberts, Ph.D.

Objective: Each of 10 published studies investigating the relationship between HIV infection and risk for depressive disorders concluded that HIV-positive individuals are at no greater risk for depression than comparable HIV-negative individuals. This study used meta-analytic techniques to further examine the relationship between depressive disorders and HIV infection.

Method: Meta-analytic techniques were used to aggregate and reanalyze the data from 10 studies that compared HIV-positive and HIV-negative individuals for rates of major depressive disorder (N=2,596) or dysthymic disorder (N=1,822).

Results: The frequency of major depressive disorder was nearly two times higher

in HIV-positive subjects than in HIV-negative comparison subjects. On the other hand, findings were inconclusive with regard to dysthymic disorder. Rates of depression do not appear to be related to the sexual orientation or disease stage of infected individuals.

Conclusions: Although the majority of HIV-positive individuals appear to be psychologically resilient, this meta-analysis provides strong evidence that HIV infection is associated with a greater risk for major depressive disorder. Future research should focus on identifying pathways of risk and resilience for depression within this population.

(Am J Psychiatry 2001; 158:725-730)

Included studies from 1988 to 1998

Frequency of major depression 2-fold higher from HIV+ve vs HIV-ve

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Quality of life – HIV-positive vs other conditions, Germany

N=255 HIV-positive

N=249 with diabetes type 2

N=257 with minor health conditions

Cohort Study '50/2010', 2008-2009, participants aged ≥ 50

Study population	N	Quality of life (SF-36) Mental health mean score*		Prevalence (%) using HADS (score ≥ 8)			
		BL	12M	Depression		Anxiety	
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HIV	255	45.5	45.8	26.2	27.9	34.4	35.0
DM type 2	249	50.0	49.5	22.2	26.1	26.8	32.4
Minor health conditions	257	49.2	48.8	17.6	17.1	30.5	31.4
		<i>p=0.009, adjusted for age</i>		<i>p=0.12</i>	<i>p=0.024</i>	<i>p=0.25</i>	<i>p=0.75</i>

*Higher values denote better quality of life

Quality of life – HIV-positive vs other conditions, Netherlands

N=311 HIV-positive (from ATHENA, 2013-14)

N=119 with diabetes type 1 (Cohort study, 2010)

N=2114 with diabetes type 2 (RCT population, 2009-2010)

N=250 with rheumatoid arthritis (RCT population, 2007-2011)

Study population	N	Quality of life (SF-36) mean score*		Adjusted~ odds ratio (95% CI) for poor health score#	
		Physical health	Mental health	Poor physical health	Poor mental health
HIV	331	53.5	50.7	1	1
DM type 1	119	52.3	54.9	0.8 (0.4, 1.3)	0.3 (0.2, 0.6)
DM type 2	2114	50.0	56.4	0.9 (0.7, 1.3)	0.3 (0.2, 0.4)
Rheumatoid arthritis	250	42.0	57.7	3.1 (2.2, 4.5)	0.3 (0.2, 0.5)
				<i>p<0.001</i>	<i>p<0.001</i>

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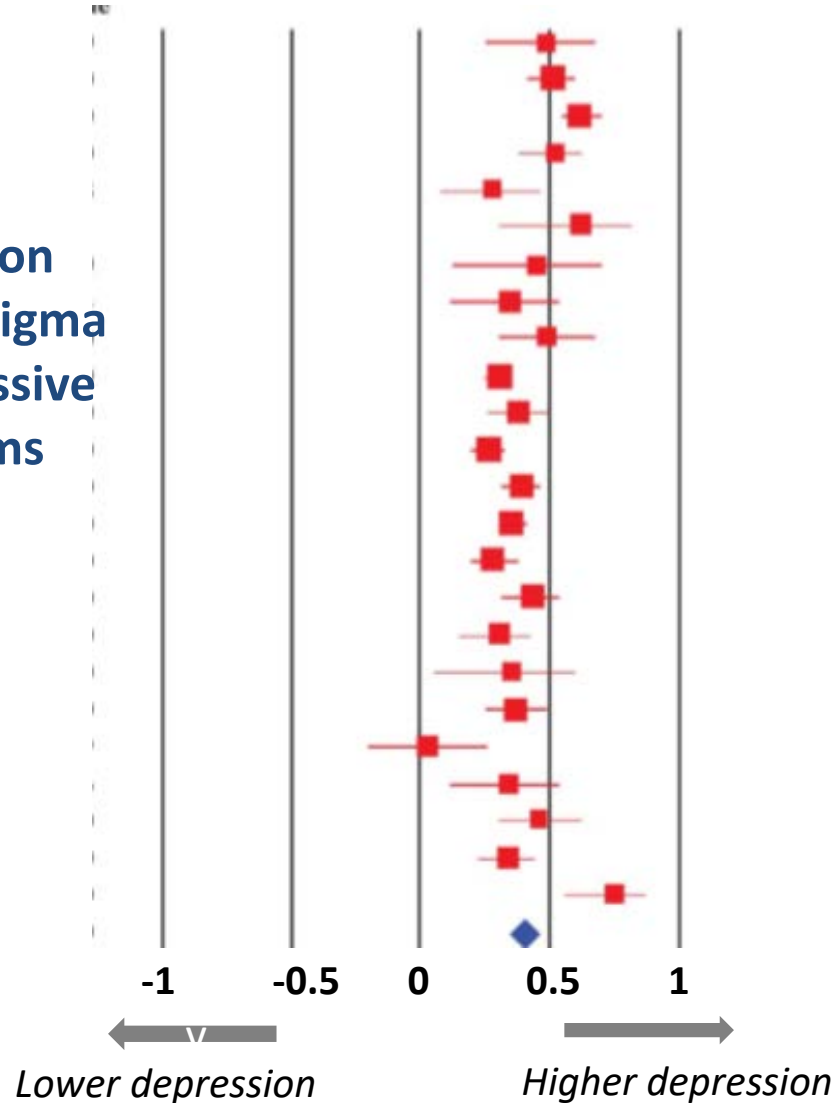
~Adjusted for age, gender, region of origin (Netherlands/other)

#Poor health = score in first quintile

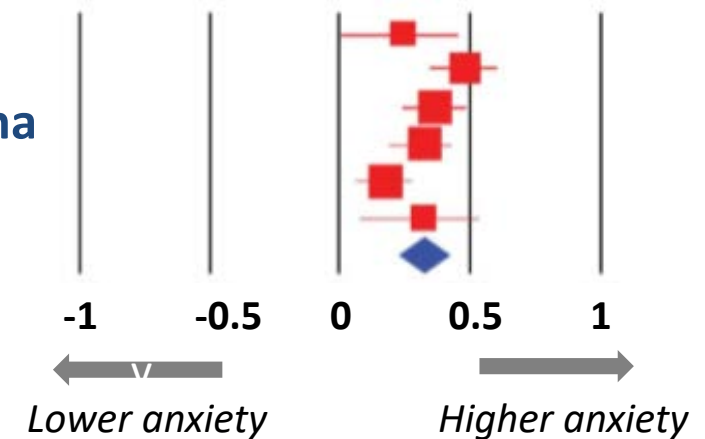
Stigma and mental health, meta-analysis (global)

24 (& 6) studies of HIV-positive people 1996-2013

Correlation
between stigma
and depressive
symptoms



Correlation
between stigma
and anxiety
symptoms



Pooled association was similar for depression, attenuated for anxiety, in the few studies using multivariable analysis

Rueda et al. BMJ Open 2016

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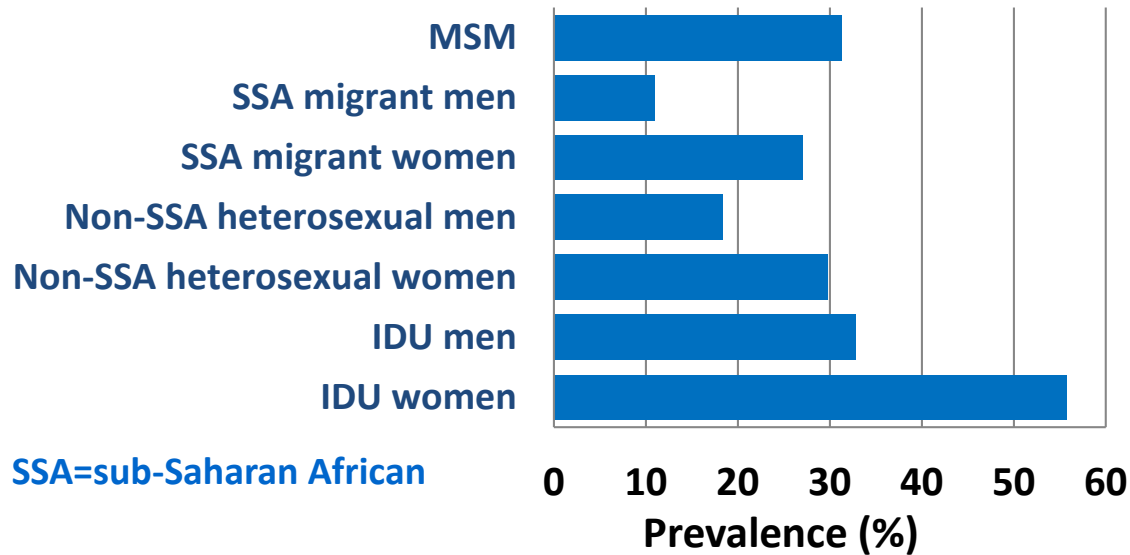
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Gender, HIV-transmission-risk group, and depression, Europe

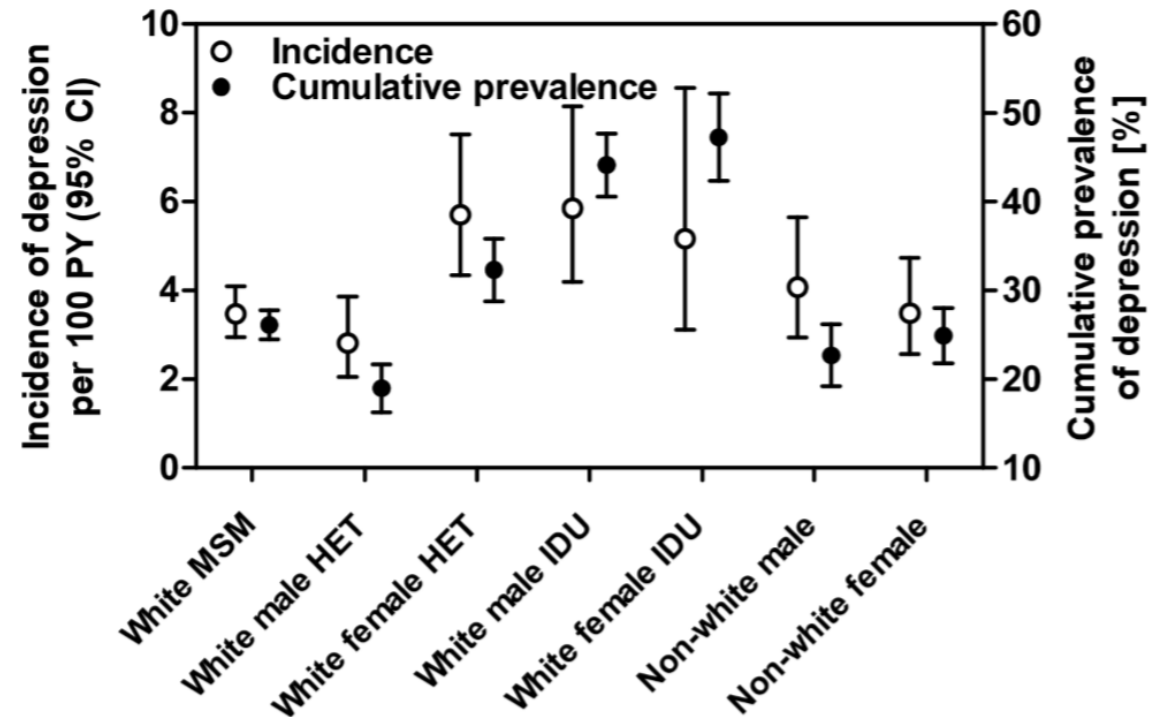
N=2392 Vespa2, France 2011

N=4422 Swiss HIV Cohort Study, 2010-2013

Depressive symptom episode in past 12 months (CIDI-SF)



Incidence and cumulative prevalence of depression diagnosis



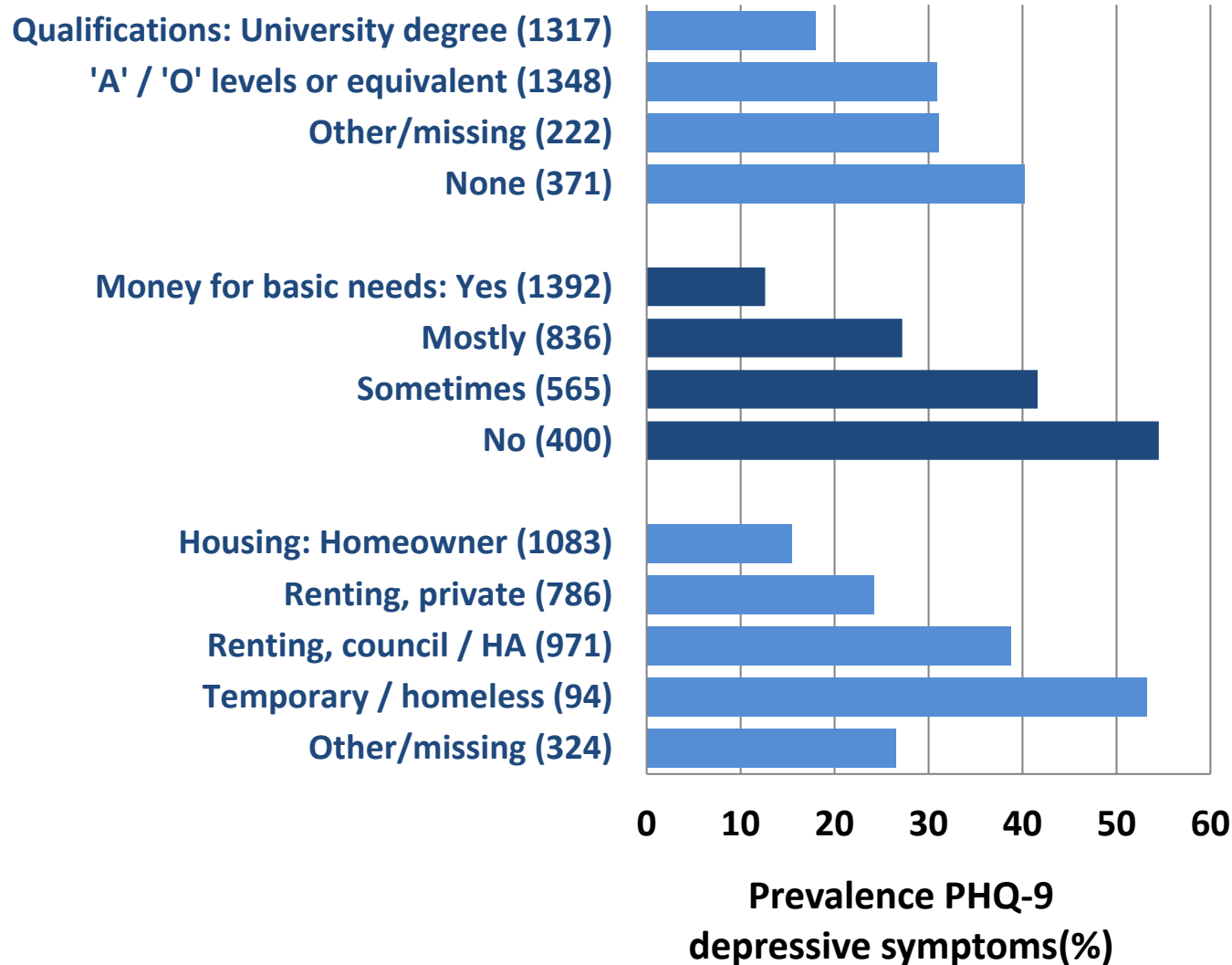
N=226 HIV-positive women who injection drugs, REDUCE study, Europe 2012-13

- Psychiatric disorder (lifetime prevalence) by DDSI: 87.2%

Socio-economic factors and mental health, HIV-positive, Europe

N=3258 HIV-positive people
ASTRA Study, England 2011-2012

N=2973 HIV-positive people
Vespa2 Study, France 2011-2012



Housing occupancy status	Prevalence ratio suicide risk~	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted*
Owner/tenant	1	1
Free accommodation	1.7	2.0
Tenant residential care	3.6	2.8
Homeless	4.0	4.9
	<i>p<0.05</i>	<i>p<0.05</i>

*From a model including gender/sexual orientation, nationality, HCV, living alone, CD4, psychosocial characteristics

~Having thought about and planned to commit suicide or attempted suicide during past year (6.3%)

Carriero et al PLoS ONE 2017

Age and mental health, HIV-positive, Europe

N=2392 Vespa2 Study, FRANCE 2011

Age group (years)	N	Prevalence ratio for depressive symptoms past 12m (CIDI-SF)
25-34	281	2.0
35-44	637	1.5
45-54	783	1.5
55-65	459	1
<i>p</i> <0.001		

N=4422 Swiss HIV Cohort Study, 2010-2013

Age group (years)	P-Y	Incidence rate ratio for new depression diagnosis
<45	3818	1.6
45-54	3632	1.4
≥55	1898	1
<i>p</i> =0.005		

N=4119 START RCT participants, 2009-2013

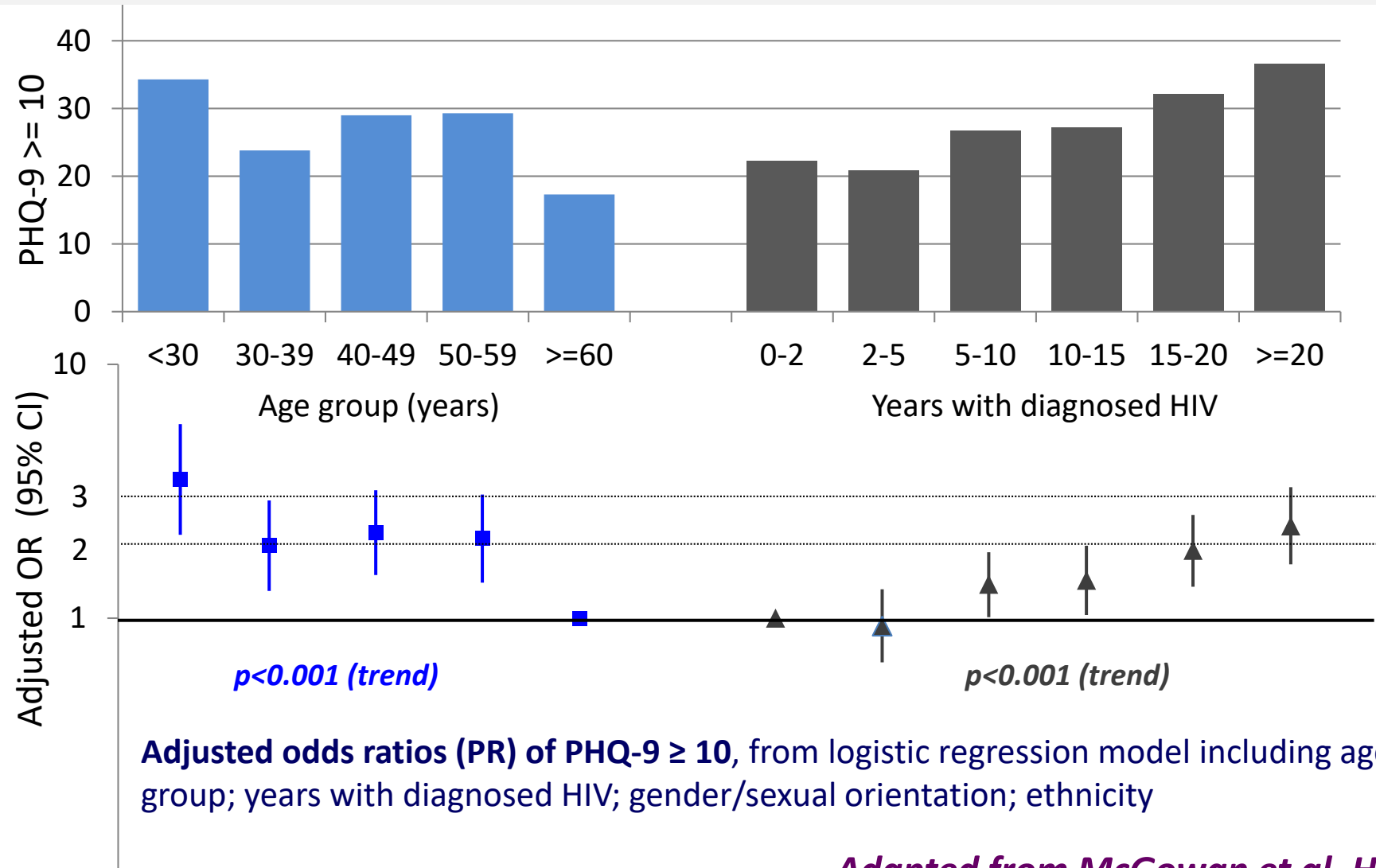
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Anagnostopoulos et al. PLOS One, 2015; Feillet et al. HIV Medicine 2016; Lifson et al. HIV Medicine 2015

Age, time since HIV diagnosis and depression, England

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ASTRA Study, England 2011-2012*



Adjusted odds ratios (OR) of PHQ-9 ≥ 10, from logistic regression model including age group; years with diagnosed HIV; gender/sexual orientation; ethnicity

Adapted from McGowan et al. HIV Medicine, 2017

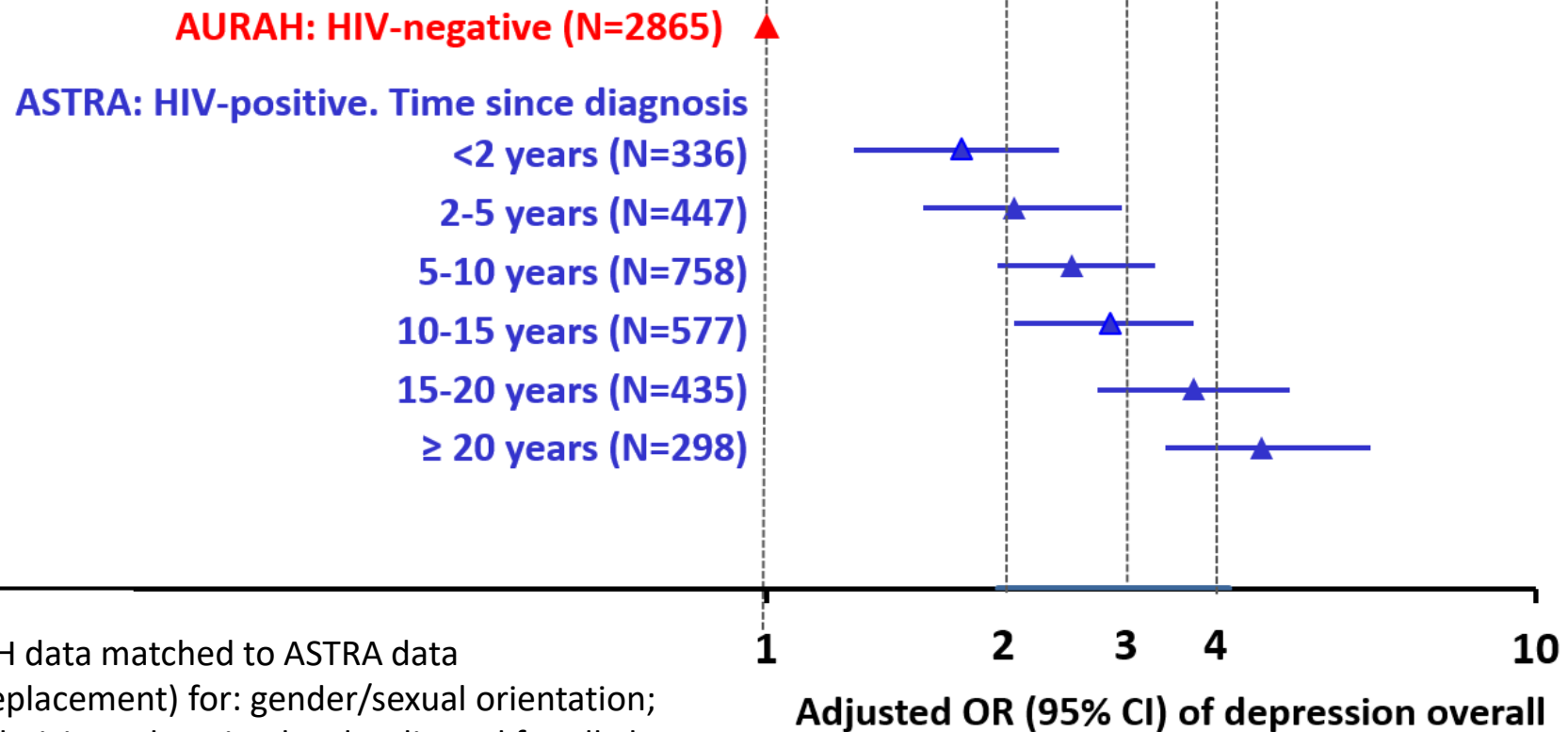
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Depression: PHQ-9 ≥10 or
treatment for depression



*AURAH data matched to ASTRA data (with replacement) for: gender/sexual orientation; age; ethnicity; education level. Adjusted for all above factors using logistic regression with robust SEs.

Factors linked to depressive symptoms among people with HIV

Demographic:

- Younger age
- Female gender
- Non-white ethnicity (some studies)
- IDU risk group

Socioeconomic:

- Lower education
- Unstable housing
- Unemployment
- Lower income
- Poverty

Psychosocial:

- No stable partner
- Living alone
- Low levels of supportive network
- Stigma
- High levels of HIV status disclosure (some studies)

Health/biological:

- Pain and other physical symptoms
- Cognitive impairment
- HCV co-infection
- Other co-morbidities
- Longer time since HIV diagnosis (some studies)

Lifestyle:

- Smoking (some studies)
- Alcohol problem (some studies)
- Recreational drug use (some studies)
- Sexual activity (no sex & condomless sex vs condom-protected, some studies)

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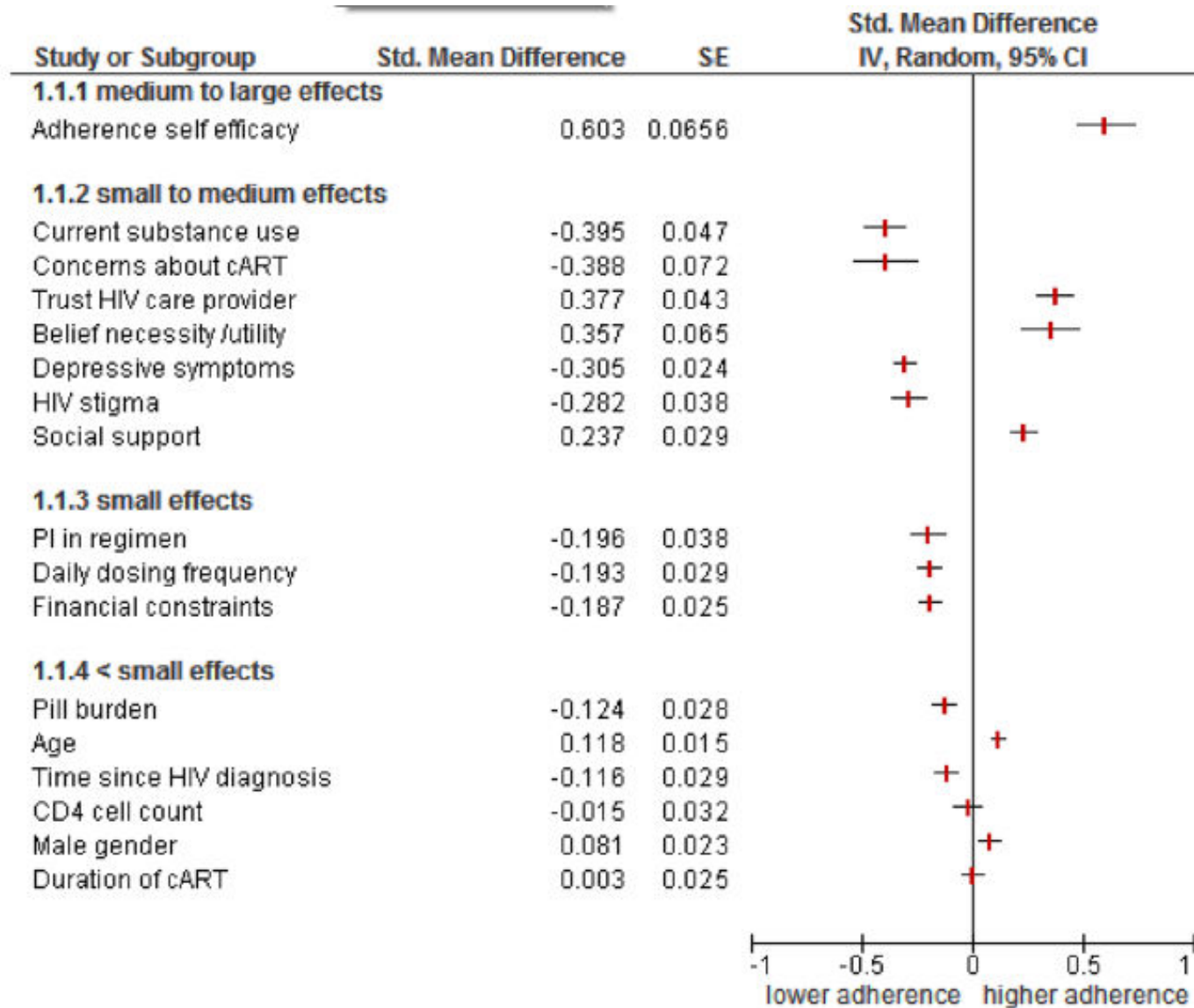
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HIV OUTCOMES (cART era):

ART non-adherence
Viral load non-suppression

Depression and ART non-adherence, meta-analysis (global)

Based on 207 studies of HIV-positive people 1996-2014



Conclusions

- High prevalence of depression and anxiety among HIV-positive people in Europe in recent period, across countries and methods of assessment
- HIV-positive people substantially more likely to be experiencing mental health problems than comparable HIV-negative people - the difference is greatest for those diagnosed with HIV for longest
- Evidence that mental health may be poorer among people living with HIV than those living with other long-term physical health conditions
- Continued emphasis on detection and management of mental health conditions among those living with HIV is crucial, with links to appropriate support
- Highlights need for standardised collection of data on psychological symptoms and diagnoses for research studies and clinical care

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