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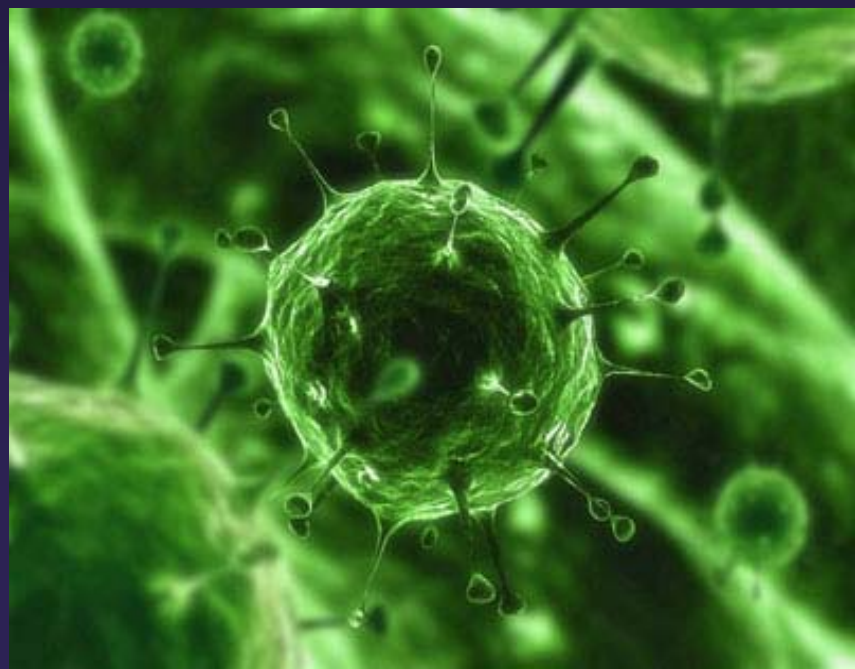
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# Depression in Heart Disease:

## Issues to be addressed

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- 1- Is it another “pandemic flu”?
- 2- Is it that bad?
- 3- The chicken or the egg came first?
- 4- To screen or not to screen?
- 5- To treat or not to treat?

# Issue #1

## Depression in Heart Disease: Another pandemic flu?

A swine-flu victim



# Depression: Epidemiology

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- Life-time risk: 5-10%

*Am. Psych. Assoc. 1998*

- Chronic medical illness: 10-25%

*DSM-IV edition 2000*  
*Egede, Gen Hosp Psychiatry 2007*

# Depression and Heart Disease

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- The relationship between depression and heart disease has been demonstrated since 1930s.

*Fuller, Psychiatr Qt 1935*

*Malzberg, Am J Psychiatry 1937*

# Depression in CHF

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- Overall: ≈30%

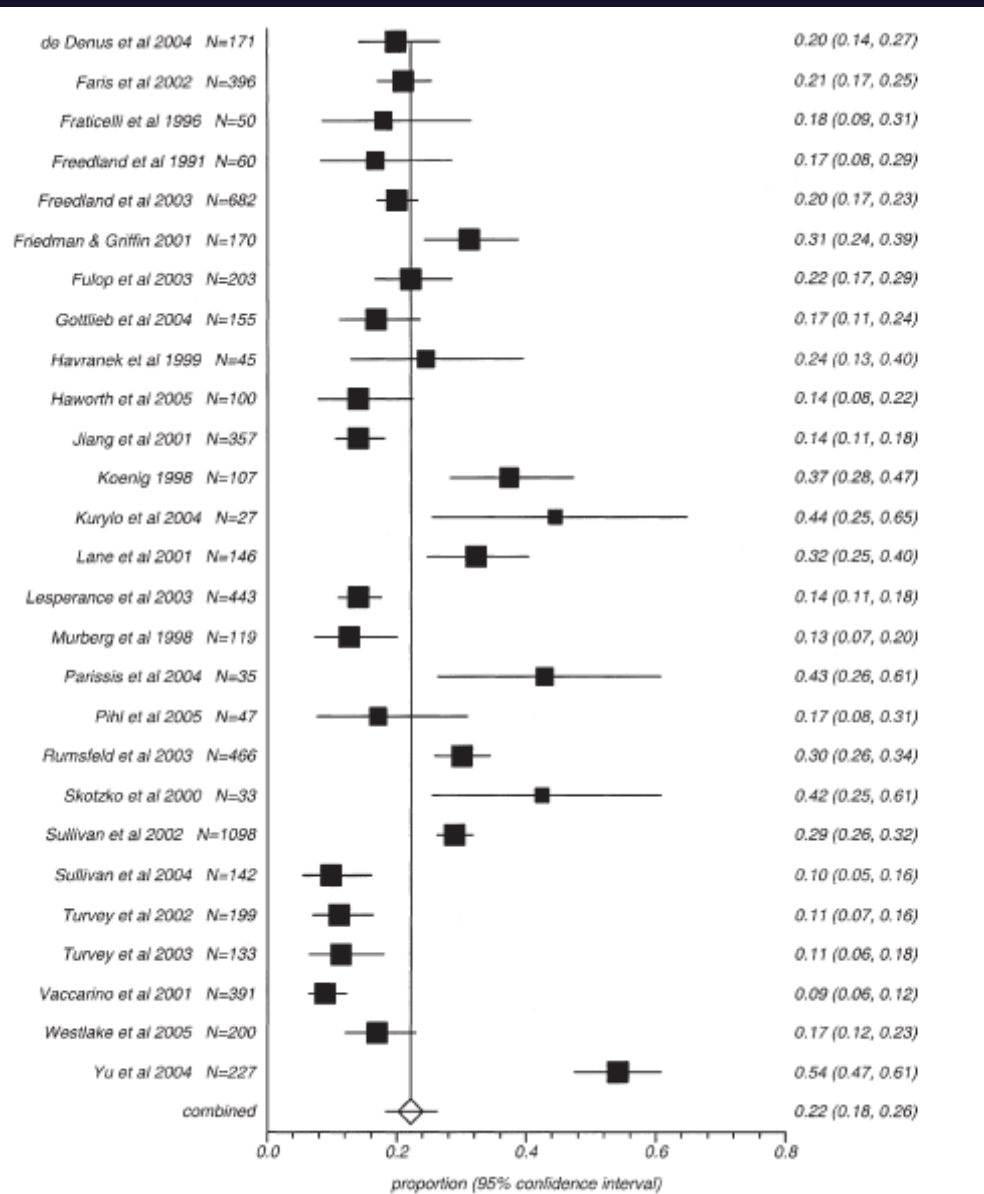
*Havranek et al, JACC 2004*

- Inpatients: 14-78%
- Outpatients: 13-42%

- Major depression: 14-26%
- Depressive symptoms: 24-85%

*Norra et al. IJC 2007*

# Depression in CHF: prevalence



**Overall prevalence:  
21.5% (27 studies)**

# Depression in CAD

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- Inpatients: 30% some degree of depression
- Major depression: 15-20% of MI pts
- Depressive symptoms: 10-47% of MI pts

*Lichtman et al. Circulation 2008*

*Thombs et al. Gen Intern Med 2006*

*Lesperance & Frasure-Smith, J Psychosom Res 2000*



# Issue #2

## Depression in Heart Disease: Is it that bad?



# Depression in CHF

## ✓ risk factor for CHF

*Abramson J et al. Arch Intern Med 2001*  
*Williams SA et al. Psychosom Med 2002*

## ✓ worse prognosis

- higher 1 or 2-year mortality and rehospitalization rates (MOS-D or BDI)

*Rumsfeld JS et al. EPHEBUS sub-analysis. AHJ 2005*  
*Jiang W et al. Circ 2004*  
*Jiang W et al. AHJ 2007*

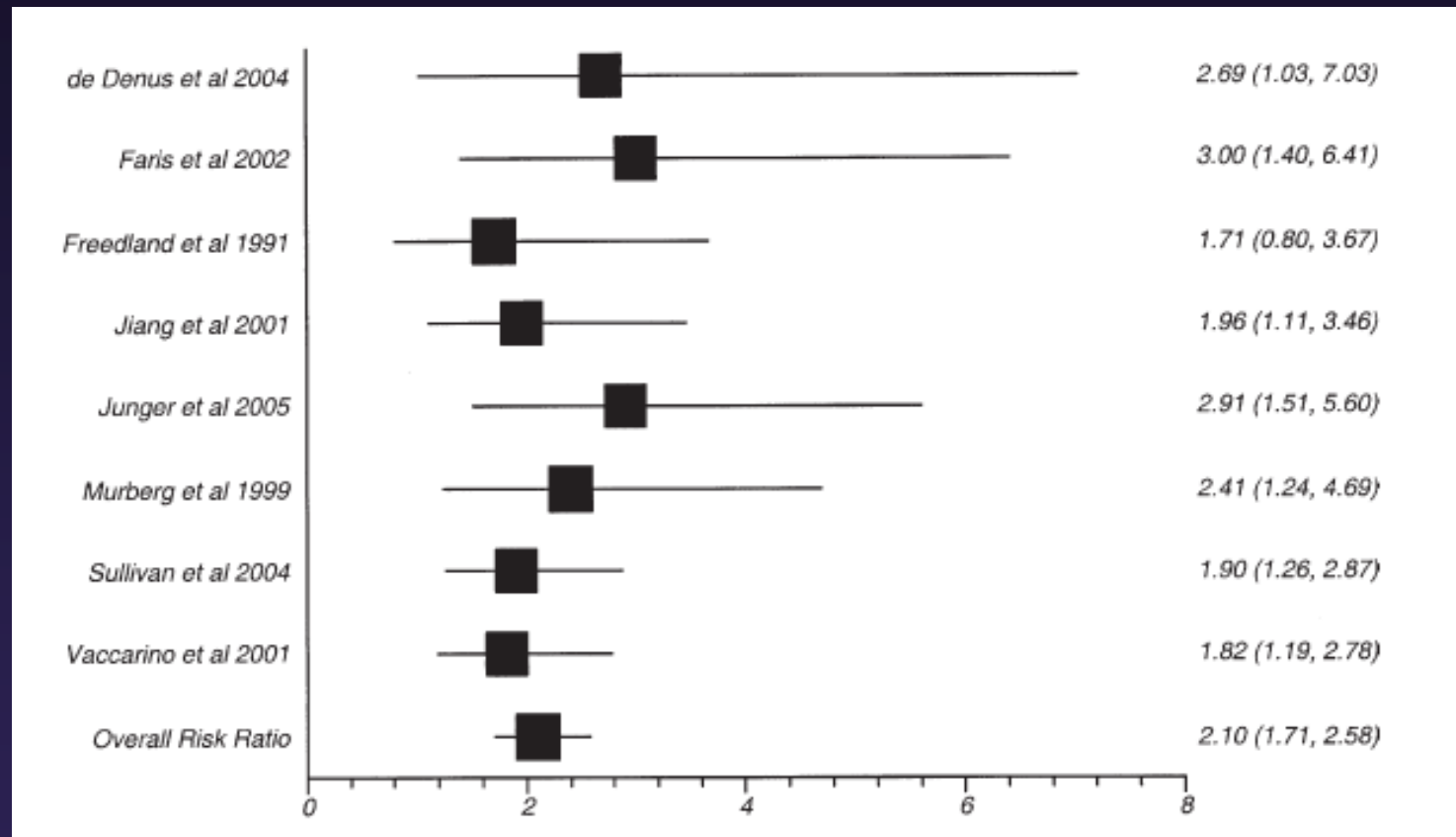
## ✓ reduced exercise capacity

*Ingle L et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2005*  
*Skotzko CE et al. J Cardiac Fail 2000*

## ✓ impaired QoL

*Rumsfeld JS et al. JACC 2003*

# Depression in CHF: prognosis



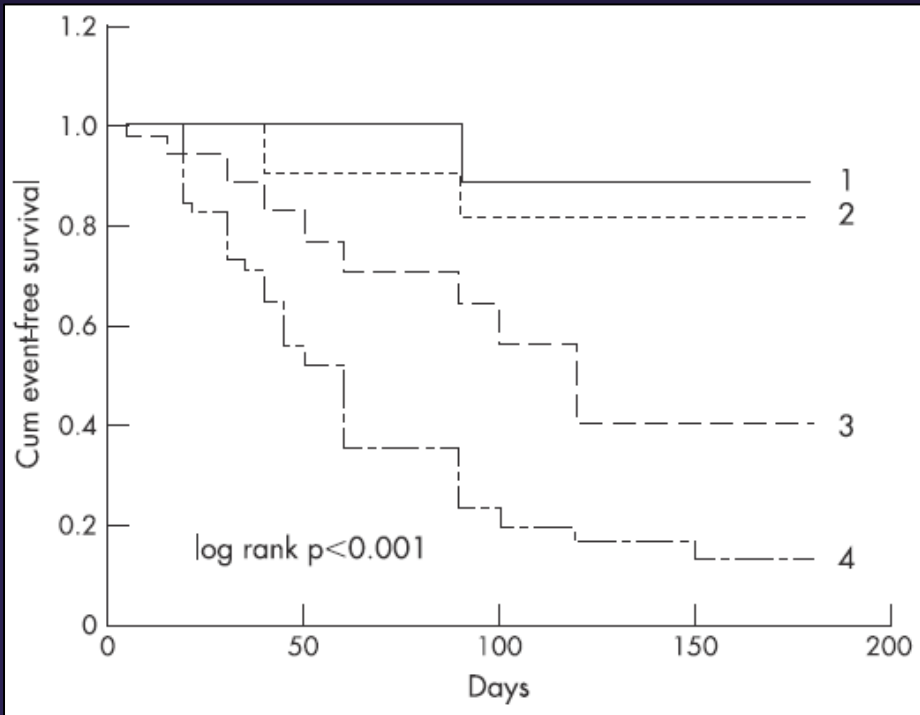
**Overall relative risk for death and associated cardiac events:  
2.1 (8 studies)**

*Rutledge et al, JACC 2006*

# BNP and Depression in CHF

Clinical and prognostic implications of self-rating depression scales and plasma B-type natriuretic peptide in hospitalised patients with chronic heart failure

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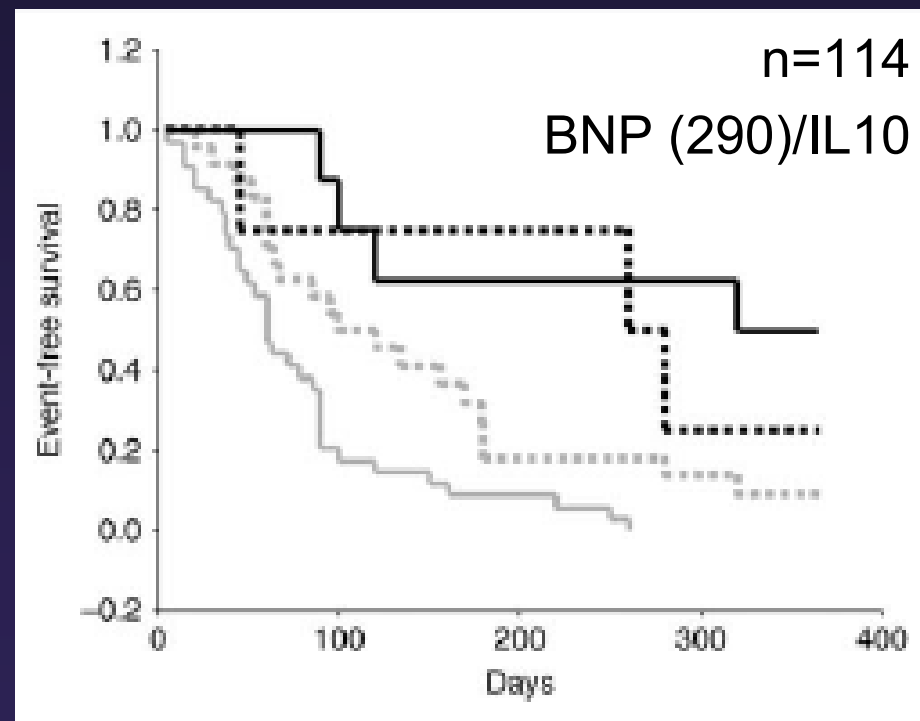
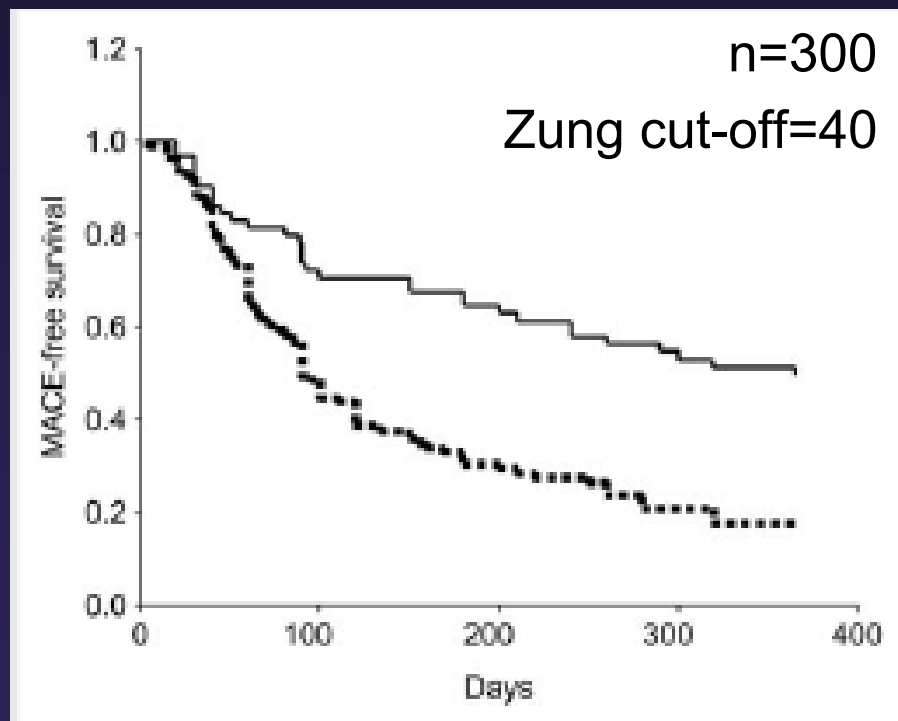


- Event-free survival for depressive status (Zung SDS, cut-off value of 40) and BNP (cut-off value of 290 pg/ml,  $p < 0.001$ , log rank test).

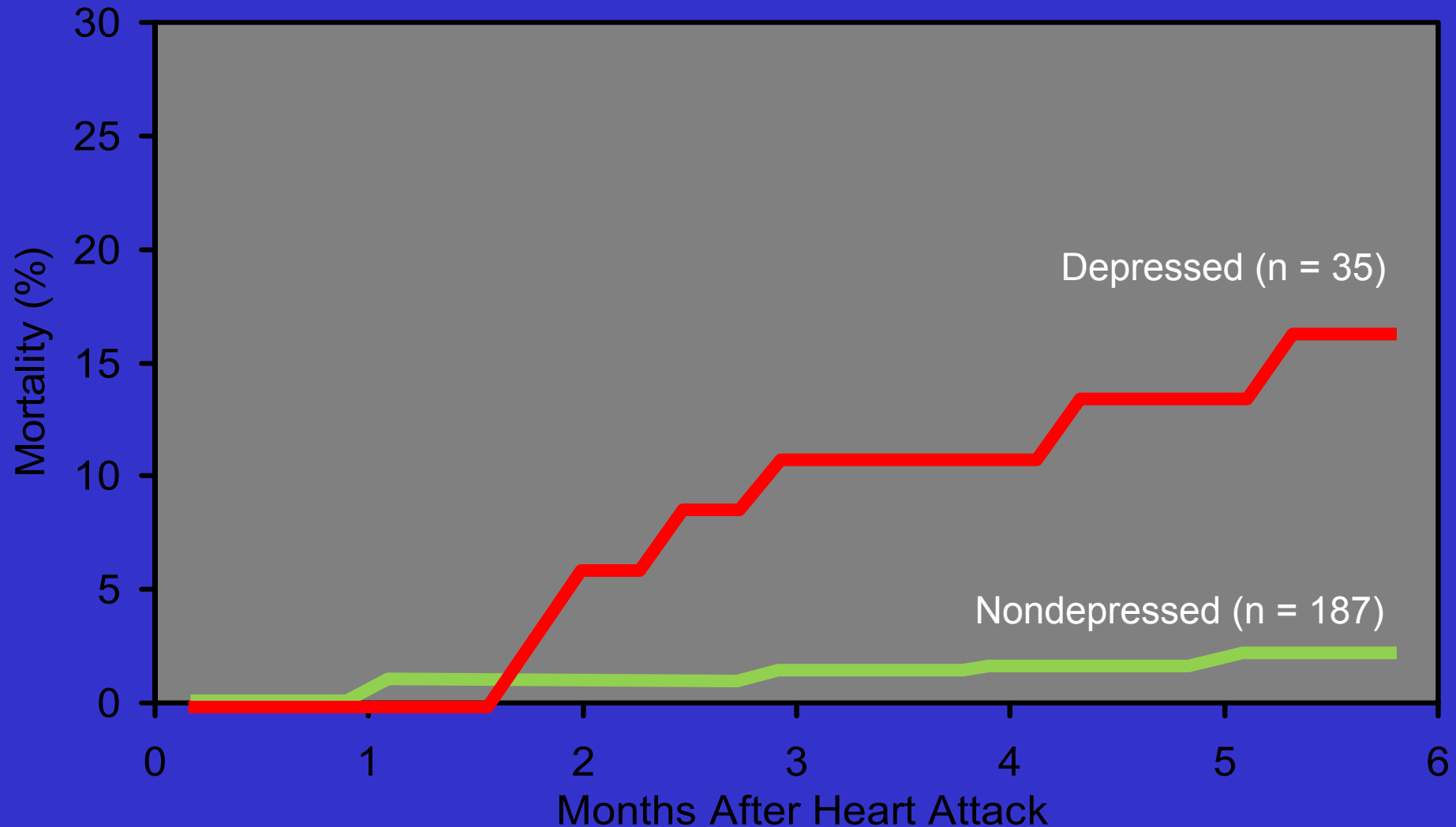
- $n = 155$  CHF pts

# Plasma B-type natriuretic peptide and anti-inflammatory cytokine interleukin-10 levels predict adverse clinical outcome in chronic heart failure patients with depressive symptoms: a 1-year follow-up study

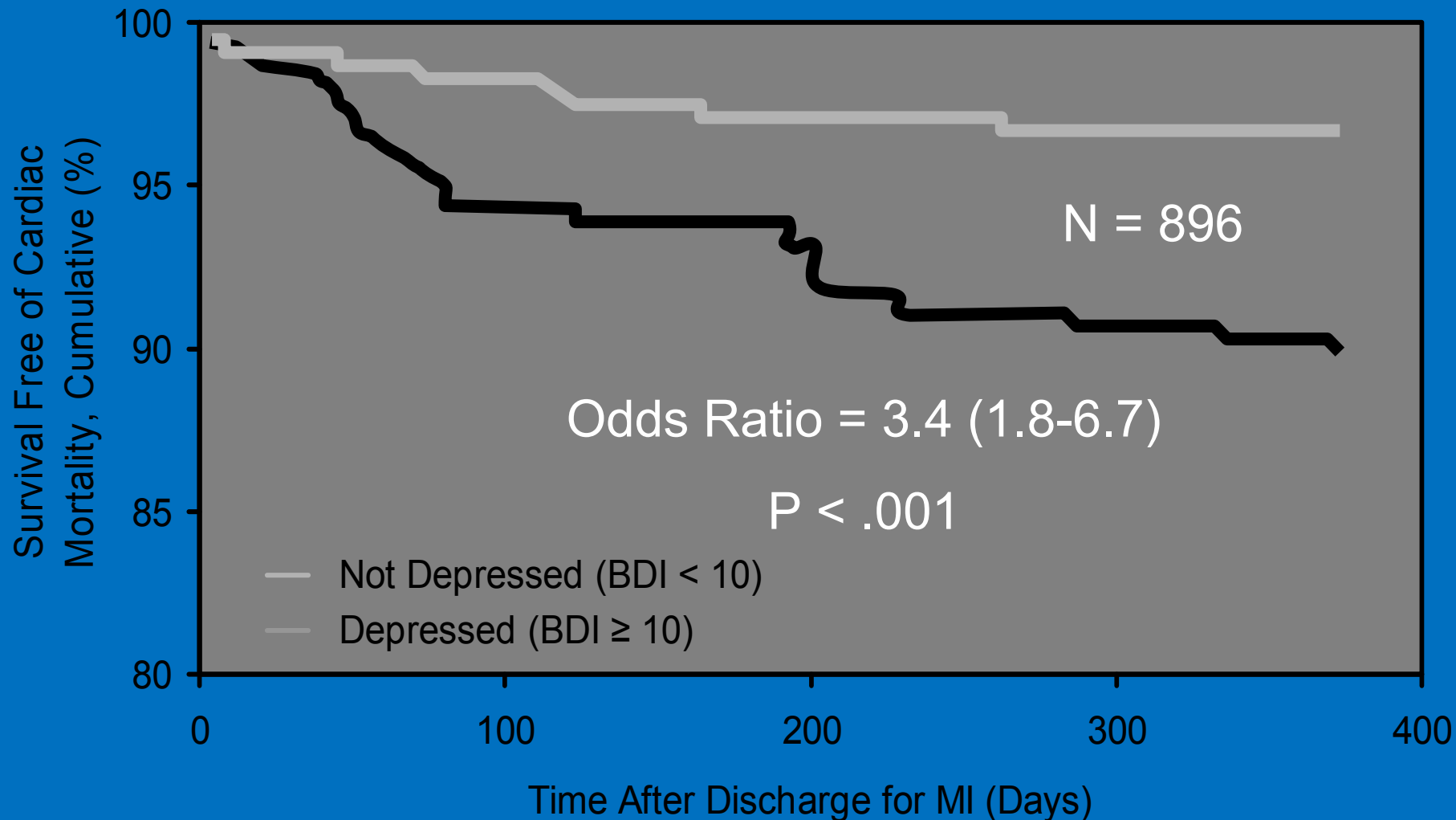
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# Depression in CAD: Increased Mortality Post-MI

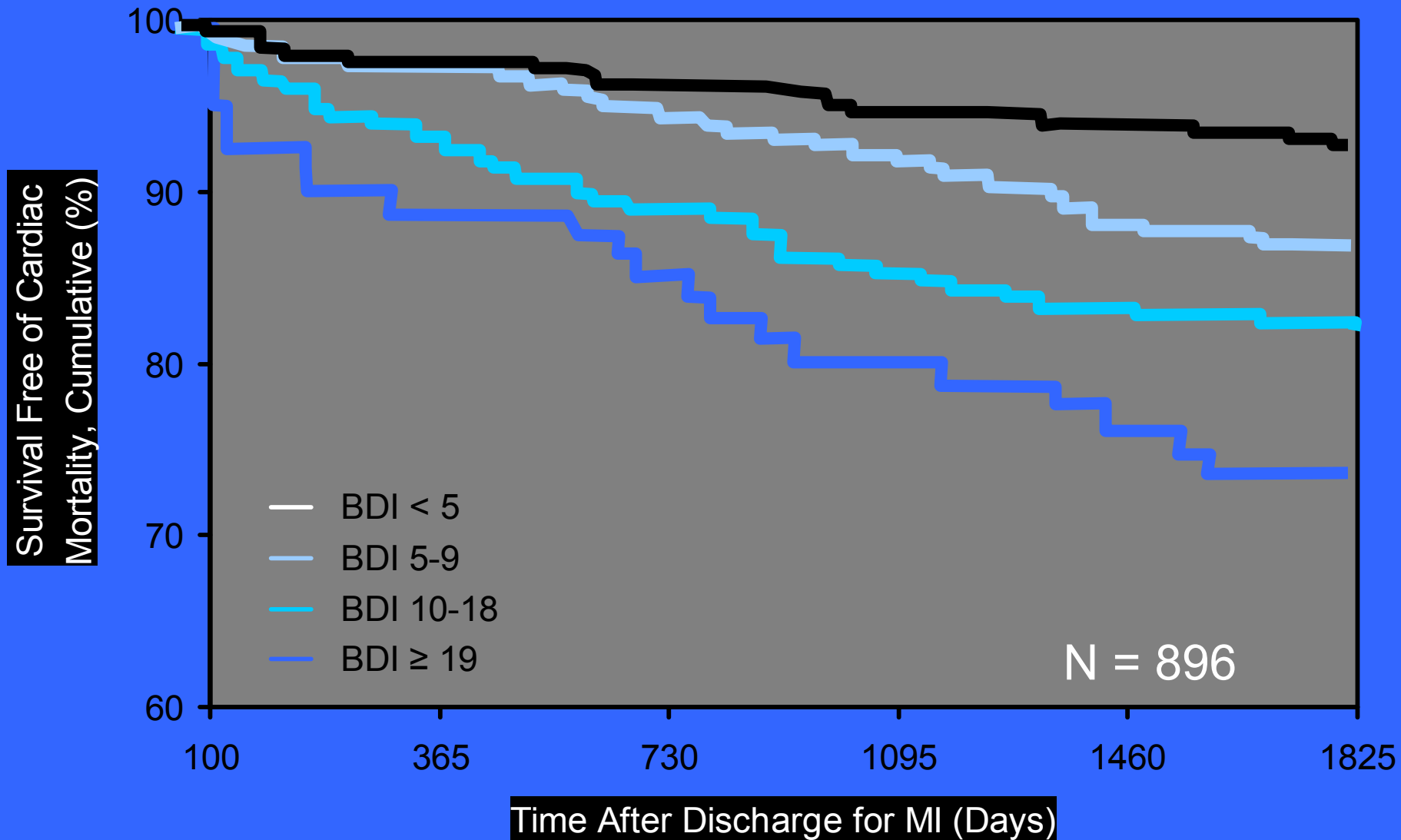


# Depression and 1-Year Post-Myocardial Infarction (MI) Cardiac Mortality



Frasure-Smith N et al. *Psychosom Med.* 1999

# Long-Term Survival Impact of Increasing Levels of Post-MI Depression

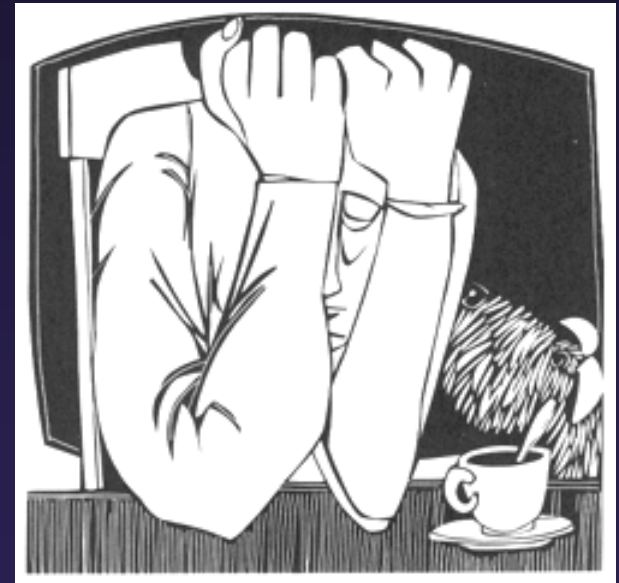


*Lespérance, 2000.*

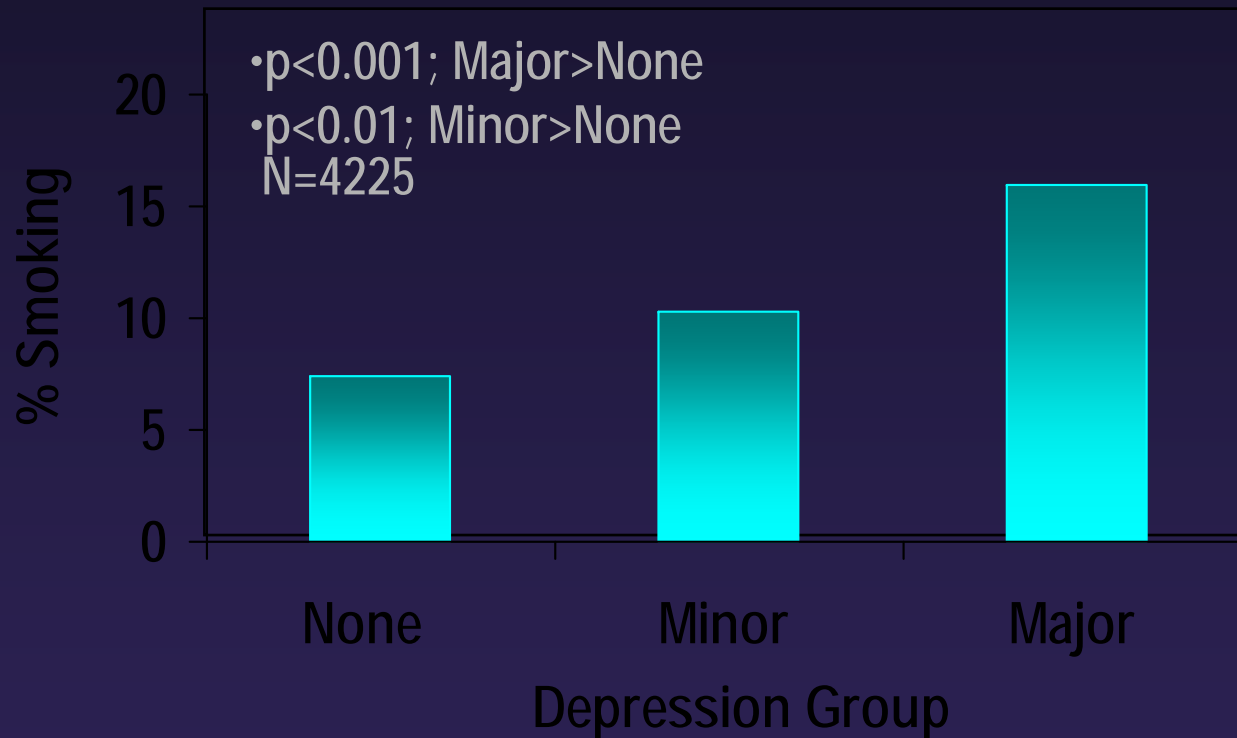


# Meta-Analysis of the Adverse Effect of Depression on Patient Adherence

- The relationship between depression and noncompliance with medical regimen recommended by a nonpsychiatrist physician was significant with an OR= 3.03 (95% CI, 1.96-4.89).



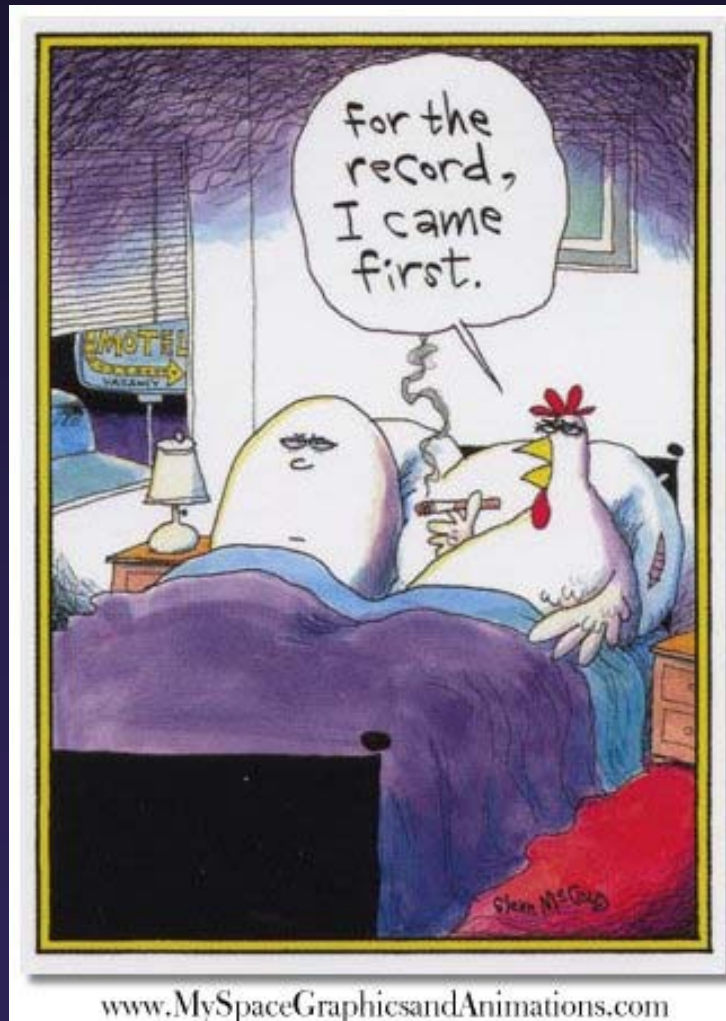
# Depression Is Associated with ↑% Smoking



Adjusted for demographics, medical comorbidity, DM type and duration, treatment type, HbA1c and clinic.

# Issue #3

## Depression in Heart Disease: The chicken or the egg came first?



*"... for every affection of the mind  
that is attended with either pain or pleasure, hope  
or fear, is the cause of an agitation whose  
influence extends to the heart"*

*William Harvey, 1628*

# Pathophysiology

Bidirectional pathway



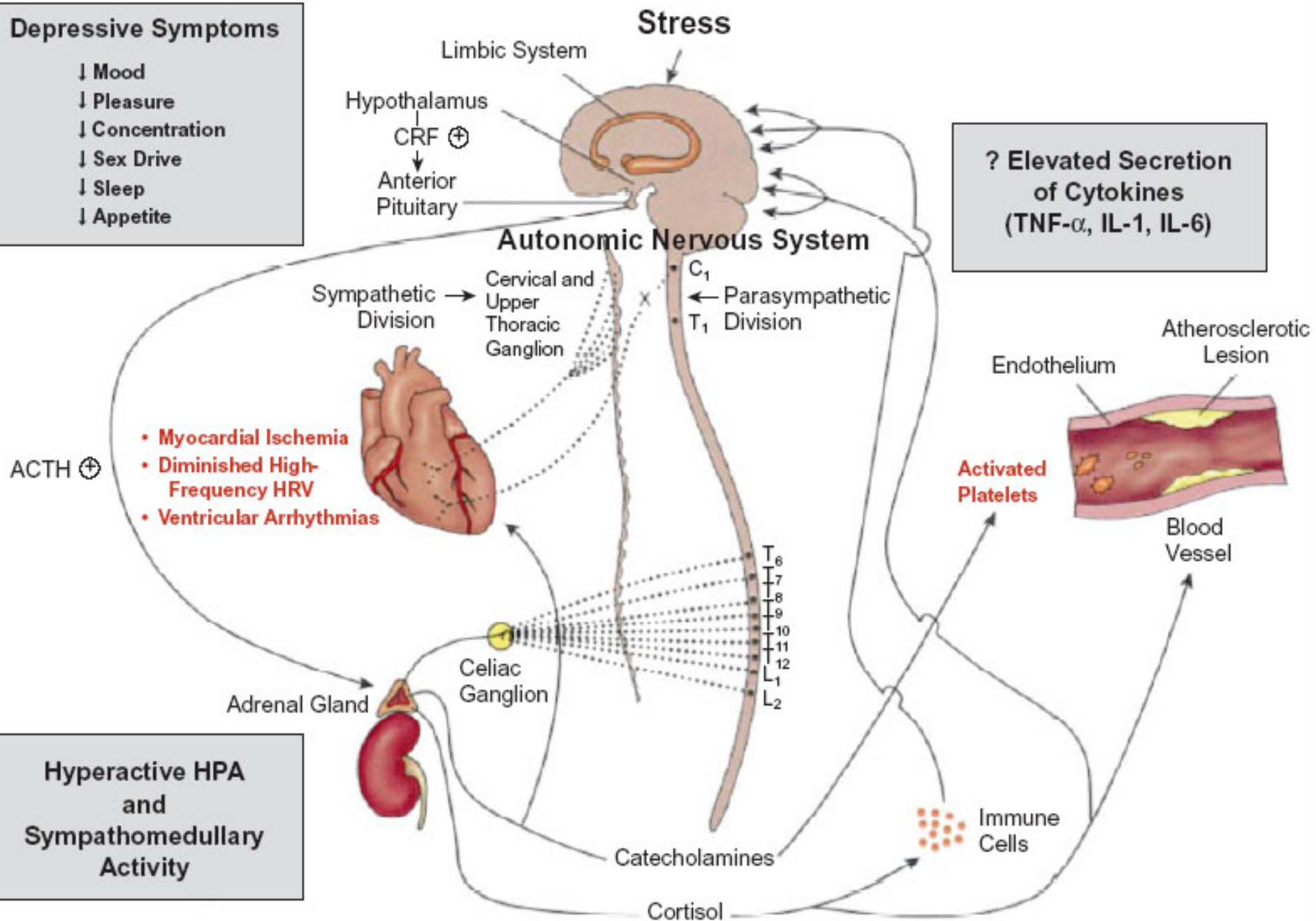
- Neurohormonal activation – SNS – HPA
- Inflammatory activation
- Hypercoagulability
- Sleep-related breathing disorders
- Genetic predisposition
- Poor compliance with therapy/diet
- Refusal to exercise
- Poor social support
- Poor QoL due to cardiac therapies

*Joynt et al, JCF 2004*  
*Norra et al, IJC 2007*  
*Dimos et al, HJC 2009*

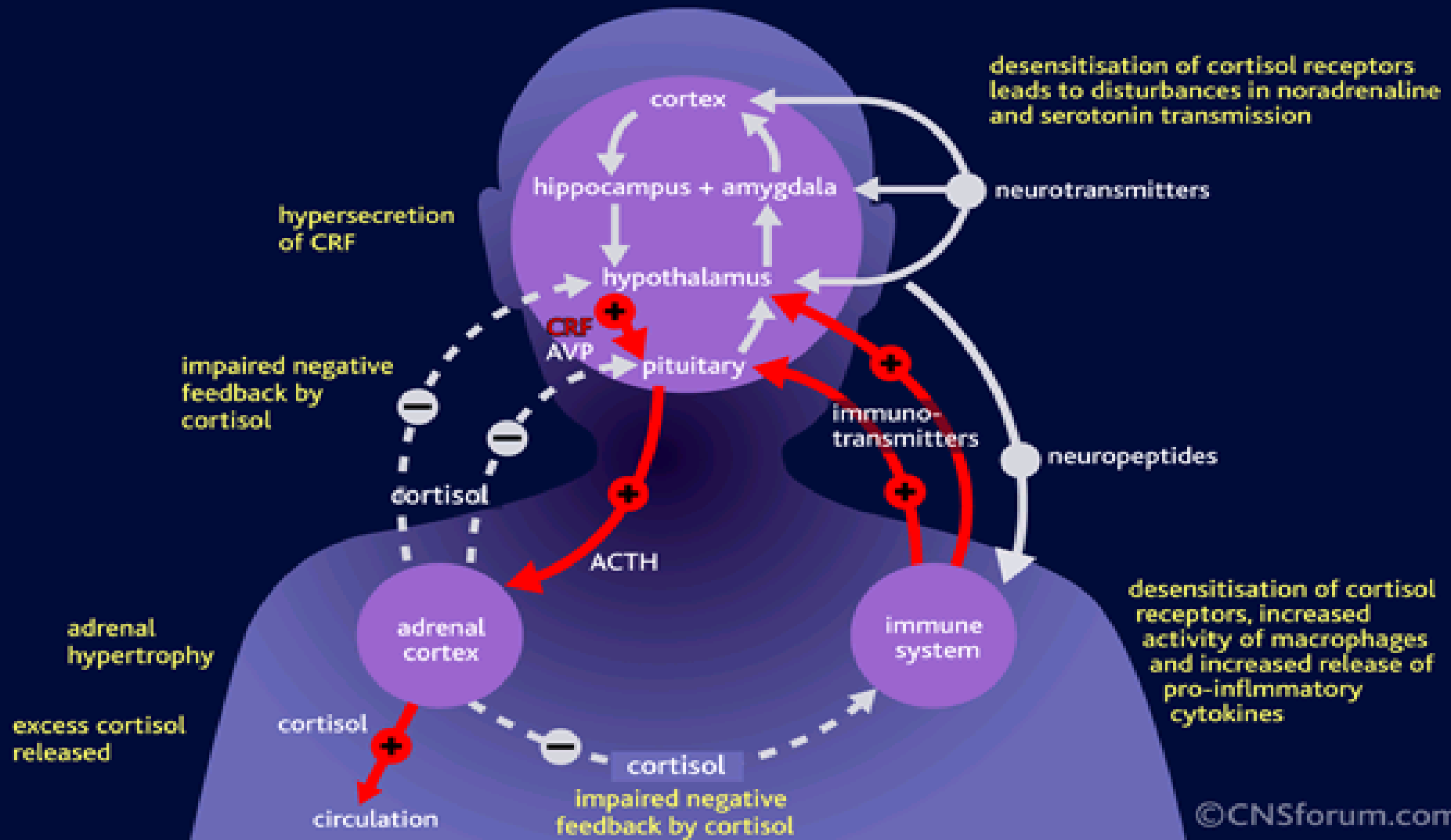
# The Relationship Between Major Depression and Cardiovascular Disease

## Depressive Symptoms

- ↓ Mood
- ↓ Pleasure
- ↓ Concentration
- ↓ Sex Drive
- ↓ Sleep
- ↓ Appetite



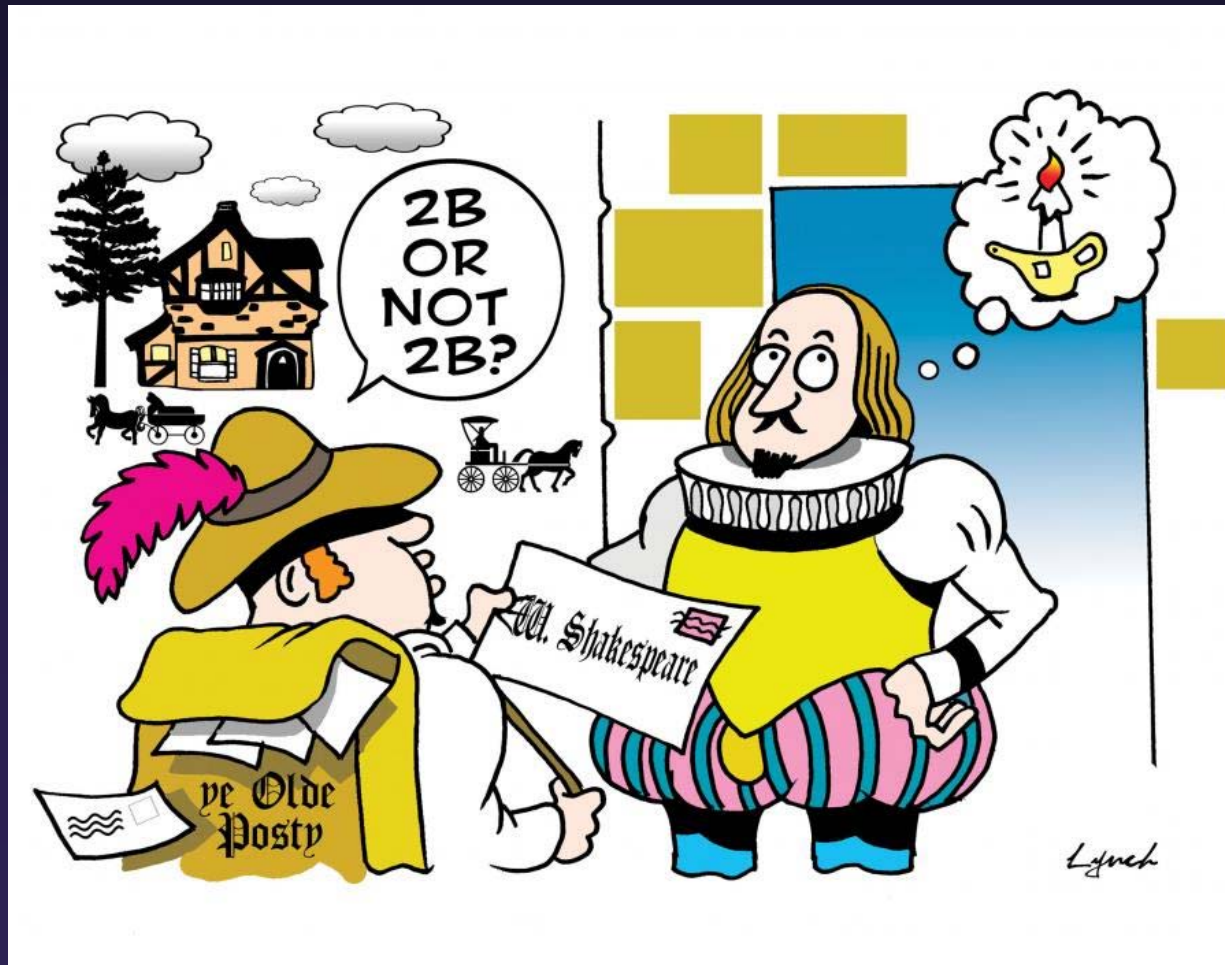
# Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) axis in depression





# Issue #4

## Depression in Heart Disease: To screen or not to screen?





## For screening

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- Depression scores are fairly accurate
- Depression deserves treatment regardless of its cardiovascular effects
- Screening plus collaborative care is cost effective in primary care settings

*Whooley, JACC 2009*

# Against screening

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- Most pts who screen positive do not have major depression
- Depression treatment leads only to a small change in depression scores
- No evidence that screening improves cardiac outcomes

*Ziegelstein et al, JACC 2009*

- Depression screening instruments with predefined cutoffs (11 trials):
  - sensitivity 84% (39% - 100%)
  - specificity 79% (58% - 94%)
- No trials have assessed whether screening for depression improves depressive symptoms or cardiac outcomes in patients with cardiovascular disease.

Source; Setting <sup>a</sup>	Instrument; Cutoff Score
Frasure-Smith et al <sup>33,50</sup> 1995, 1998; Canada	BDI $\geq 10^b$
Freedland et al, <sup>34</sup> 2003; United States	BDI $\geq 10^b$
Dickens et al, <sup>36</sup> 2004; Great Britain	HADS $\geq 17^e$
Huffman et al, <sup>46</sup> 2006; United States	2-Items from BDI <sup>e</sup>
Gutierrez, <sup>45</sup> 1999; Canada	BDI $\geq 13^b$
Strik et al, <sup>29</sup> 2001; the Netherlands <sup>f</sup>	BDI $\geq 10^e$ HADS $\geq 13^e$ HADS-D $\geq 4^e$ SCL-90-D $\geq 25^e$
McManus et al, <sup>35</sup> 2005; United States	CES-D-10 $\geq 10^b$ PHQ-9 $\geq 10^b$ PHQ-2 $\geq 3^b$ 2-Item yes/no <sup>b</sup>
Denollet et al, <sup>37</sup> 2006; the Netherlands	SAD4 $\geq 3^g$
Low and Hubley, <sup>48</sup> 2007; Canada	BDI-II $\geq 14^b$ GDS $\geq 11^b$
Stafford et al, <sup>47</sup> 2007; Australia <sup>h</sup>	HADS-D $\geq 6^e$ PHQ-9 $\geq 6^e$
Frasure-Smith et al, <sup>49</sup> 2008; Canada	BDI-II $\geq 14^b$ HADS-A $\geq 8^b$

# Diagnosis

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*Ormel et al, Arch Gen Psychiatry 1991*

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- **Diagnostic tools:**

- Symptoms – DSM-IV (2000) or ICD-10 criteria (WHO 1991)
- Scales

# DSM-IV (2000)

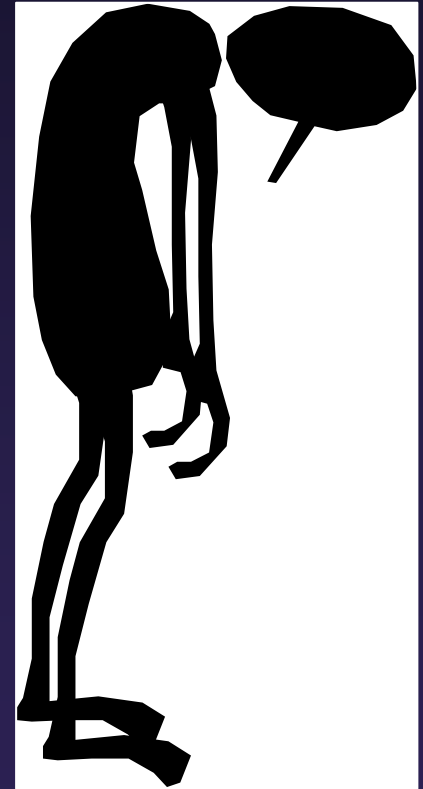
- $\geq 5$  symptoms ( $\geq 1$  main)

## Main

- ✓ Depressed mood
- ✓ Loss of interest or pleasure

## Additional

- ✓ Fatigue or loss of energy
- ✓ Inability to think, concentrate or indecisiveness
- ✓ Insomnia or hypersomnia
- ✓ Feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
- ✓ Recurrent thought of death or suicidal ideation
- ✓ Psychomotor agitation or retardation
- ✓ Significant weight loss or gain ( $>5\%$  /month)



# Difficulties in Diagnosis

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- Atypical symptoms, esp. in elderly:
  - Irritability
  - Anxiety
  - Hypochondriac problems
  - Insomnia
  - Fatigue
- Hallmarks:
  - Persistence of somatic symptoms despite CHF treatment optimization
  - Poor compliance with therapy

*Norra et al, IJC 2007*

# Scale

Common psychometric rating instruments for depression

	Scale	Format	Time	Items	Advantages	Disadvantages	Scoring
Self-rated	Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) [87]	Multiple choice	10–15 min	21	Widely used, easily administered. Norms available. Good with somatic symptoms	High rate of false positives. Somatic items may not be due to depression.	5–9 normal, 10–18 mild to moderate, 19–29 moderate to severe, 30–63 severe depression
	Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale (SDS) [92]	Likert scale	5–7 min	20	Short, easily administered		Depression: 50–80
	Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS) [93]	Yes/no	10 min	15/30	Short, easy to use with elderly, cognitively impaired and patients with visual or physical problems or low motivation.	High false negative rates in minor depression, bad sensitivity for symptoms of fear or negativism	0–9 normal, 10–19 mild, 20–30 severe depression
	Center for Epidemiologic Studies-Depression Scale (CES-D) [94]	Likert scale	5–7 min	20	Short, easily administered to a broad spectrum of patients		Depression: 23–60
	General Health Questionnaire (GHS) [95]	Likert scale	5–7 min	12	Short, easily administered to a broad spectrum of patients	Not very sensitive to depression	11–14 normal, 15–19 distress, 20–36 severe problems, psychological distress
Observer-rated	Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAM-D) [96]	Multiple choice	<30 min	22	Frequently used, well accepted by patients, evaluation of severity of sickness widely established	Psychometrical qualities not optimal, not DSM-IV-compatible	10–13 mild, 14–17 mild to moderate, >17 moderate to severe depression
	Montgomery and Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) [97]	Multiple choice	10–15 min	10	Good reliability and validity, high correlation with HAM-D	No somatic symptoms	<8 normal, 8–17 mild, 18–35 moderate, 36–60 severe depression
	Bech-Rafaelsen Melancholia Rating Scale (BRMES) [91]	Multiple choice	15–20 min	11	Good reliability and validity		15–25 moderate, 16–44 severe depression



## ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure 2008<sup>‡</sup>

### Depression and mood disorders

The prevalence of clinically significant depression has been found to be as high as 20% in HF patients and may be much higher in patients screened with more sensitive instruments or in patients with more advanced HF. Depression is associated with increased morbidity and mortality.<sup>94</sup>

- There is limited evidence regarding screening and assessment tools as well as of the efficacy of psychological and pharmacological interventions in patients with HF. However, screening for depression and initiating appropriate treatment should be considered in patients with suggestive symptoms.

**Class of recommendation IIa, level of evidence C**

## Depression and Coronary Heart Disease Recommendations for Screening, Referral, and Treatment

**Table 1. Patient Health Questionnaire: 2 Items\***

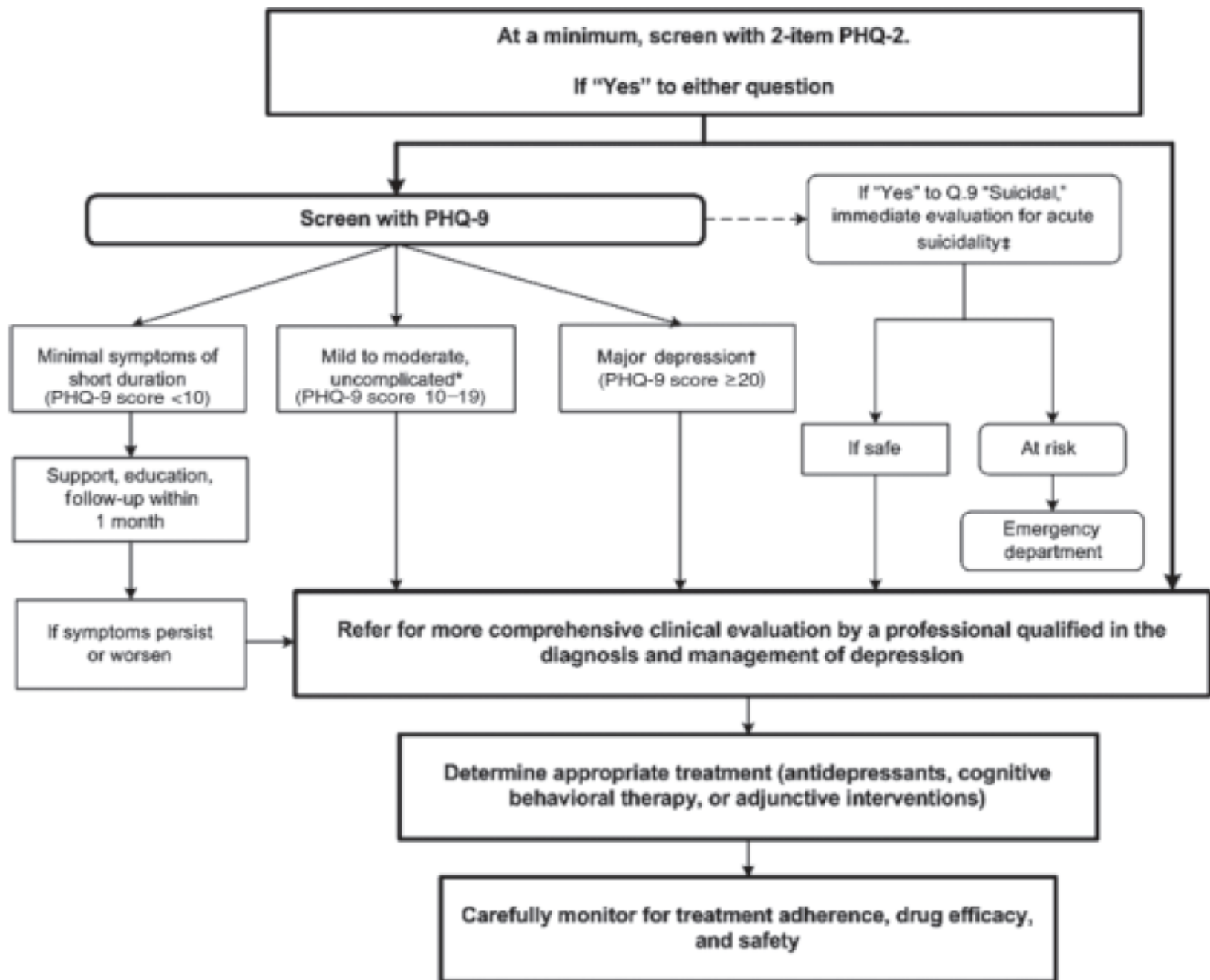
Over the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

- (1) Little interest or pleasure in doing things.
- (2) Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.

**Table 2. Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)\* Depression Screening Scales**

Over the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

- (1) Little interest or pleasure in doing things.
- (2) Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.
- (3) Trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, or sleeping too much.
- (4) Feeling tired or having little energy.
- (5) Poor appetite or overeating.
- (6) Feeling bad about yourself, feeling that you are a failure, or feeling that you have let yourself or your family down.
- (7) Trouble concentrating on things such as reading the newspaper or watching television.
- (8) Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.
- (9) Thinking that you would be better off dead or that you want to hurt yourself in some way.



# Issue #5

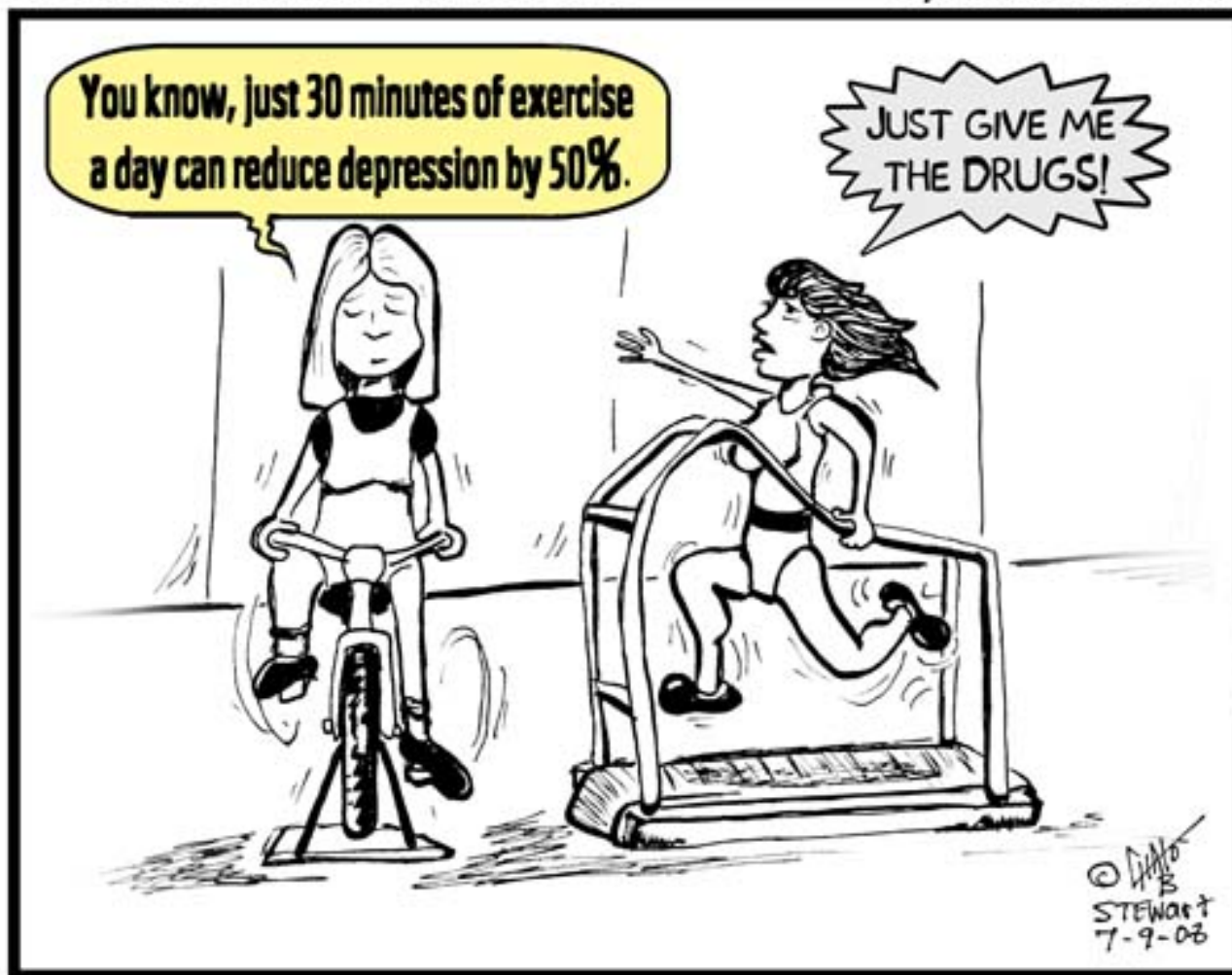
## Depression in Heart Disease: To treat or not to treat?



# Depression-specific therapy

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- ✓ Limited and empirical data
- ✓ **SSRIs (sertraline and citalopram)**: safe and effective, esp. in moderate/severe or recurrent depression
- ✓ **Tricyclic antidepressants / MAO Inhibitors**: maybe cardiotoxic / contraindicated
- ✓ **Cognitive-behavioral therapy**: maybe effective / alternative to drugs
- ✓ **Exercise**: beneficial but often pts are not compliant...



Reduce Depression

[www.MentalHealthHumorToday.com](http://www.MentalHealthHumorToday.com)

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## **Effects of Treating Depression and Low Perceived Social Support on Clinical Events After Myocardial Infarction: The Enhancing Recovery in Coronary Heart Disease Patients (ENRICHD) Randomized Trial** *JAMA. 2003;289:3106-3116*

Writing Committee for the ENRICHD Investigators

- Cognitive behavior therapy had no effect on event-free survival and slight improvement in depression and social isolation

- **Depression treatment** (medication or cognitive behavioral therapy) in CVD pts (6 trials):
  - modest improvement in depressive symptoms
  - no improvement in cardiac outcomes

Source	No. Randomized <sup>b</sup>
<b>Efficacy</b>	
Strik et al, <sup>59</sup> 2000	Fluoxetine 27 Placebo 27
Glassman et al, <sup>60</sup> 2002 <sup>g</sup>	Sertraline 186 Placebo 183
Honig et al, <sup>30</sup> 2007	Mirtazapine 47 Placebo 44
<b>Effectiveness</b>	
Lespérance et al, <sup>61</sup> 2007 <sup>i</sup>	Citalopram 142 Placebo 142  Interpersonal psychotherapy and clinical management 142 Clinical management only 142
van Melle et al, <sup>32</sup> 2007 <sup>j</sup>	Active treatment 209 Usual care 122 <sup>k</sup>
<b>Cardiovascular outcomes</b>	
Berkman et al, <sup>31</sup> 2003 <sup>l</sup>	Cognitive behavioral therapy 925 Usual care 909

# HF-specific or alternative therapy

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Fotios Panou, Gerasimos Filippatos and Dimitrios Th. Kremastinos

*Eur J Cardiovasc Prev Rehabil* 15:365–369 © 2008

- 41 CHF pts with anemia
- Darbepoetin improved Zung SDS and BDI
- Zung SDS improvement was correlated with 6-min walk test increase

# Effects of functional electrical stimulation on quality of life and emotional stress in patients with chronic heart failure secondary to ischaemic or idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy: A randomised, placebo-controlled trial

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Xenia Driva<sup>a</sup>, Ioannis Paraskevaïdis<sup>b</sup>, Evaggelos Matsakas<sup>a</sup>,  
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Exercise capacity, emotional status and quality of life measurements at baseline and after treatment in the two study groups

Variable	FES		Placebo		<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>
	Before	After	Before	After		
6MWT	455.8±93.7	498.1±97.3	451.9±75.7	454.4±78.8	19.413	<0.001
BNP	563.5±136.2	529.5±137.3	521.7±90.5	523.6±89.6	4.252	0.053
KCCQ functional	0.52±0.14	0.67±0.10	0.51±0.15	0.52±0.13	76.666	<0.001
KCCQ summary	0.43±0.16	0.59±0.13	0.39±0.14	0.41±0.14	41.508	<0.001
Zung SDS	45.8±13.6	38.3±11.8	51.0±13.2	51.3±13.5	27.098	<0.001
BDI	11.75±9.2	7.45±7.2	16.3±9.9	16.6±9.8	17.768	<0.001

- 30 pts, stable CHF
- FES, 30 min/day, 5 days/week, 6 weeks
- FES improved Zung SDS and BDI
- Zung SDS and BDI improvement correlated with 6-min WT and KCCQ improvement

# Conclusions

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## Issue #1

# Depression in Heart Disease: Another pandemic flu?

Depression is at least  
2-3 times more  
frequent in pts with HD





## Issue #2

# Depression in Heart Disease: Is it that bad?

Depression is

associated with:

- increased cardiac risk
- worse cardiac outcome



## Issue #3

# Depression in Heart Disease: The chicken or the egg came first?

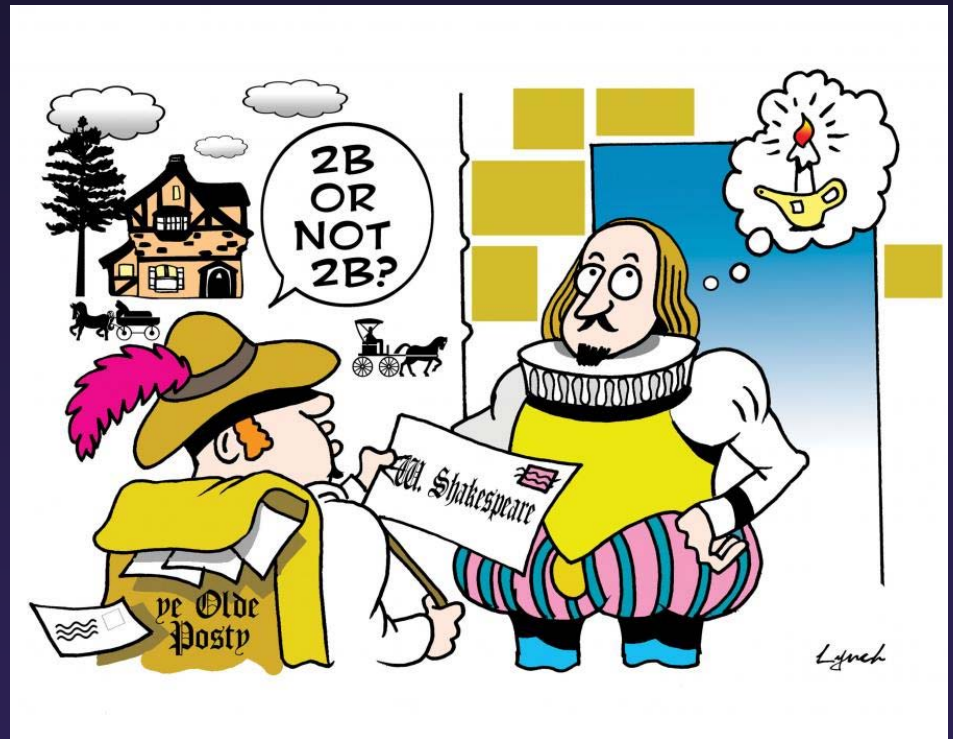
Common and bidirectional  
pathogenetic mechanisms



## Issue #4

# Depression in Heart Disease: To screen or not to screen?

Fairly accurate and cost-effective but with no obvious clinical benefit



## Issue #5

# Depression in Heart Disease: To treat or not to treat?



SSRIs are safe and may  
improve mood but not  
cardiac outcomes

Exercise and other measures  
may be of value



This is Awesome Doc, I scored 81 on the test! I don't do well on tests. In High school I was a "D" student! An a score of 81, that's like almost an "A" Right?



Depression Test