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AFFECTIVE DISORDERS AND THEIR TREATMENT





AFFECTIVE DISORDERS AND MANKIND

- **1000 – 985 BC The madness of the king Saul (The Old Testament) - severe depression, BAP?**
- **4th. century BC Hippocrates: Melancholy (black bile), mania (yellow bile)**
- **150 BC Aretaeus of Cappadocia: Melancholy linked to mania**
- **1899 Kraepelin: Manio-depressive psychosis x schizophrenia**
- **1953 Kleist, Leonhard: Unipolar x bipolar disorder**
- **1990 Goodwin, Akiskal: Bipolar spectrum**
- **2013 DSM V – separation bipolar x unipolar**

Classification of Affective Disorders

Classification Criteria for Affective Disorders:

- **Cause** – primary, secondary
- **Polarity** – bipolar, unipolar
- **Intensity** – mild, moderate or severe
- **Quality** – psychotic, non-psychotic
- **Length** – short-term fluctuations in mood (brief recurrent depressive disorder), long-term decline in mood (dysthymia)

manic episode	depressive episode
• hypomania	• mild
• mania	• moderate
• mania with psychotic symptoms	• severe
	• severe with psychotic symptoms

Etiopathogenesis of affective disorders

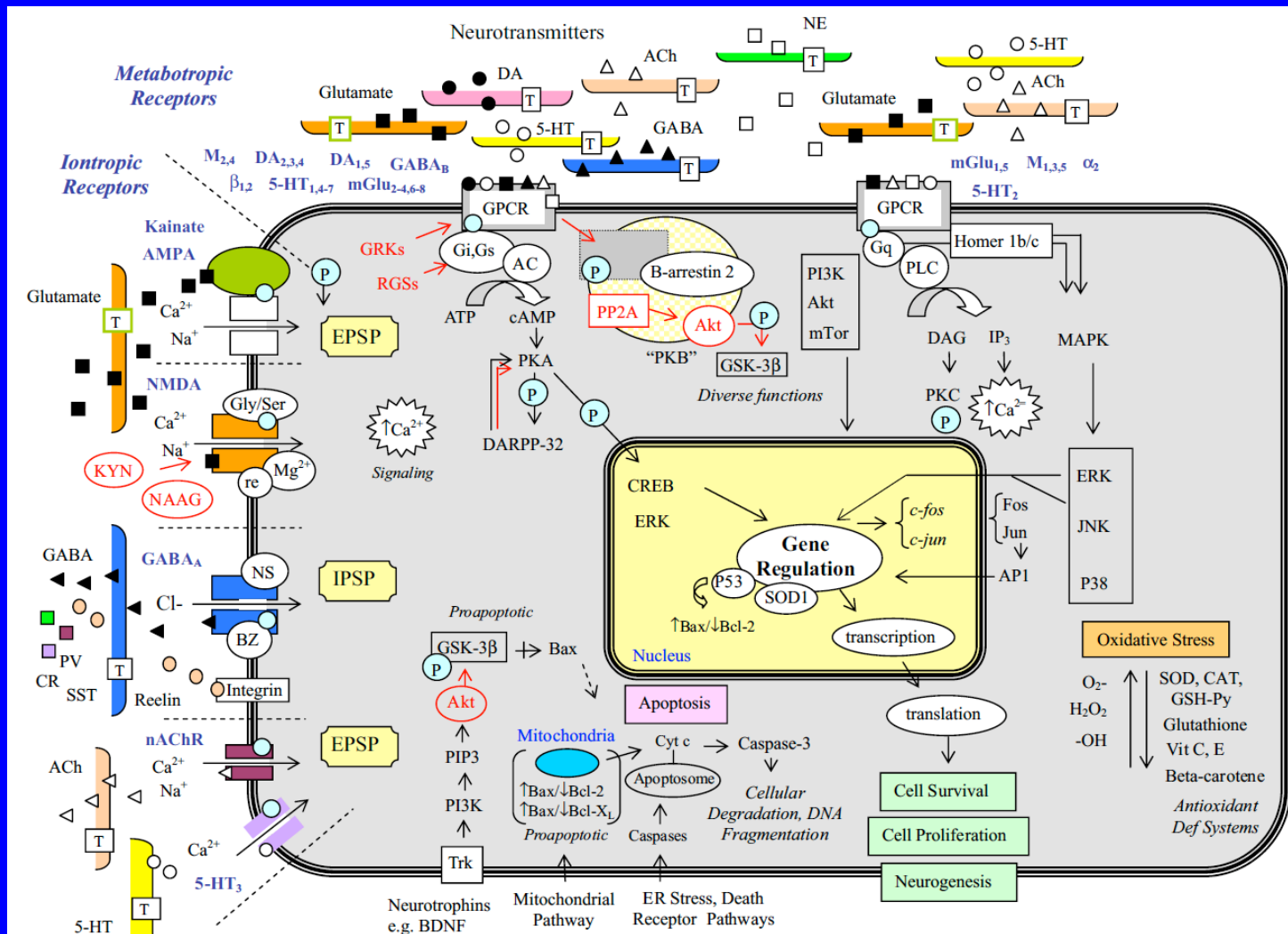
Biological factors

- genetic factors
- biochemical changes (5HT, D, Na, Glu)
- changes in immunity (CRP, $IL^{1,6}$, TNF- α)
- psychoendocrinologic changes - HPA
- disruption of biorhythms
- structural and functional changes in CNS
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Oxidative and nitrosative stress (antioxidants, lipid peroxidation)
- Neurogenesis

Psychosocial factors

- adverse life events
- life style

Depression – biologically very complex disorder



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ECONOMIC CRISIS IN SPAIN

primary care

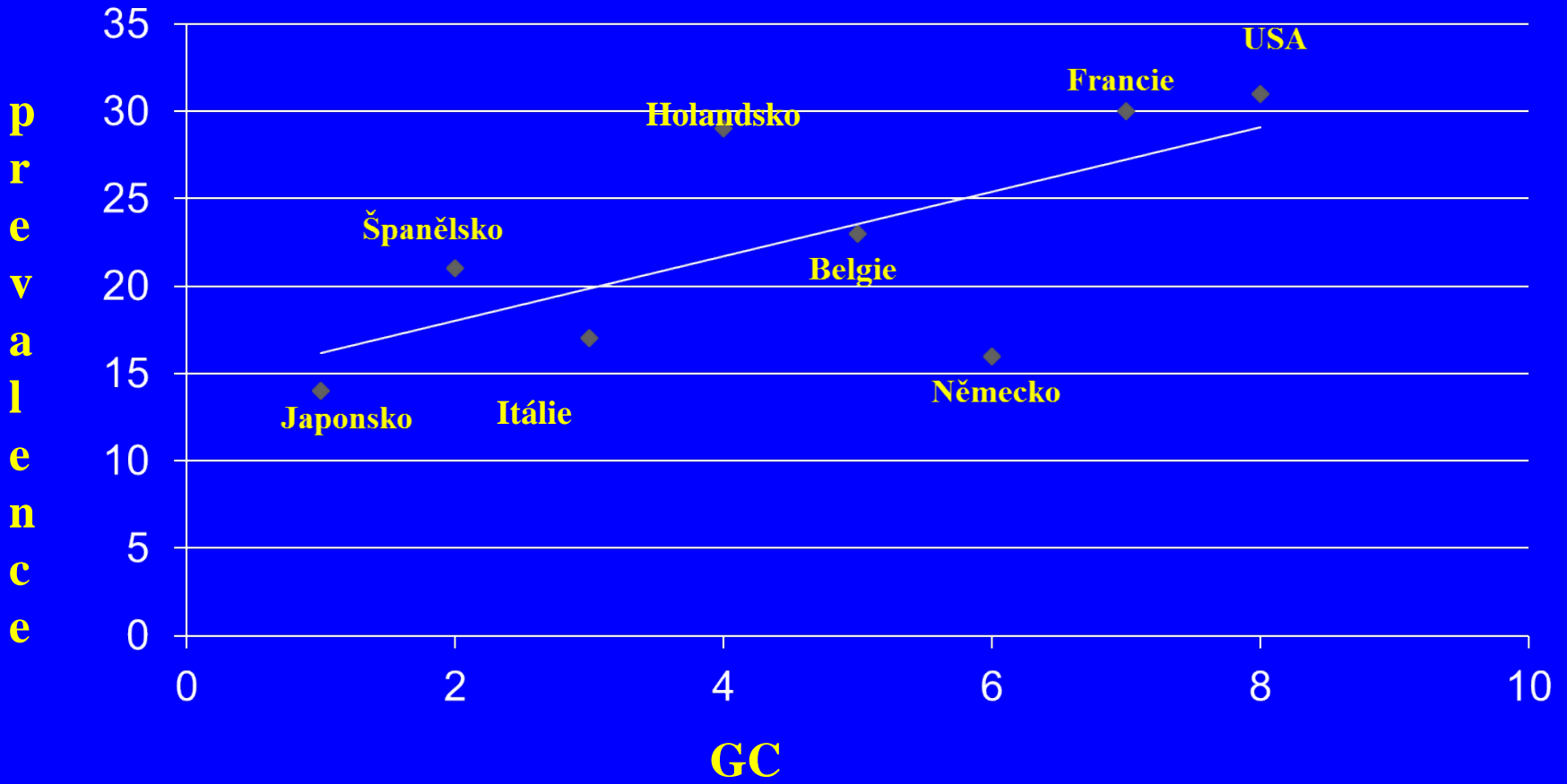
Mental disorder	2006	2010
Major depression	28,9	47,5
Minor depression	6,4	8,6
Dysthymia	14,6	25,1
GAD	11,7	19,7
Somatoform disorder	14,8	21,4
Panic disorder	9,7	15,7
Alcohol abuse	1,4	6,2
Alcohol dependency	0,2	2,7

$p < 0,001$

Gili et al., 2012

LIFETIME PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSION

Diferences in income (Gini coefficient - GC)



LIFE TIME PREVALENCE (%)

NCS

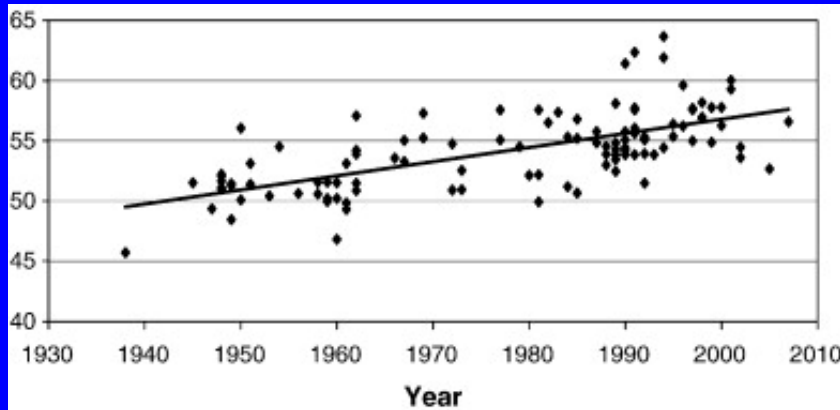
	Total	Men	Women
Affective disorders	17.1	12.7	21.7
Anxiety disorders	24.9	19.2	30.5
Dependencies	26.6	35.4	17.9
Non-affective psychoses	0.7	0.6	0.8
Mental disorders	48.0	48.7	47.3

Kessler, 1994

LIFE TIME PREVALENCE – NCS-R

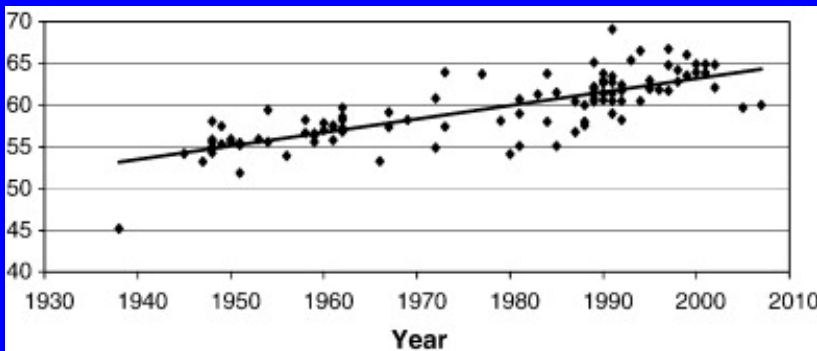
MENTAL DISORDERS USA	%	Age of onset (median)
Affective disorders	20.8	30
Anxiety disorders	28.8	11
Dependencies	14.6	20
Behavioral disorders	24.8	11
Mental disorders	46.4	14

US college students, 1938–2007

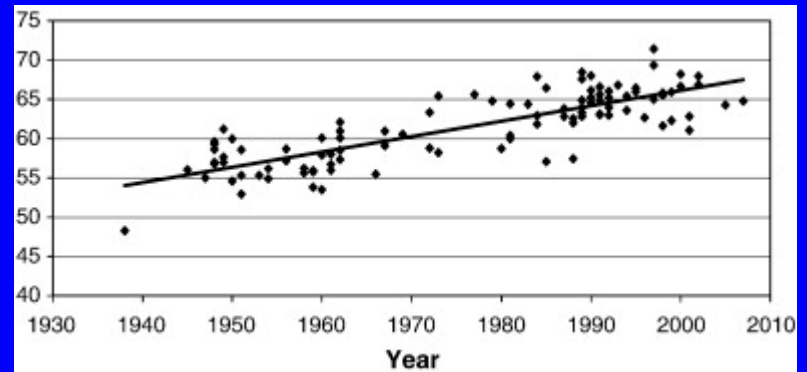


MMPI Depression (D) scale scores

metaanalysis
n=63 706



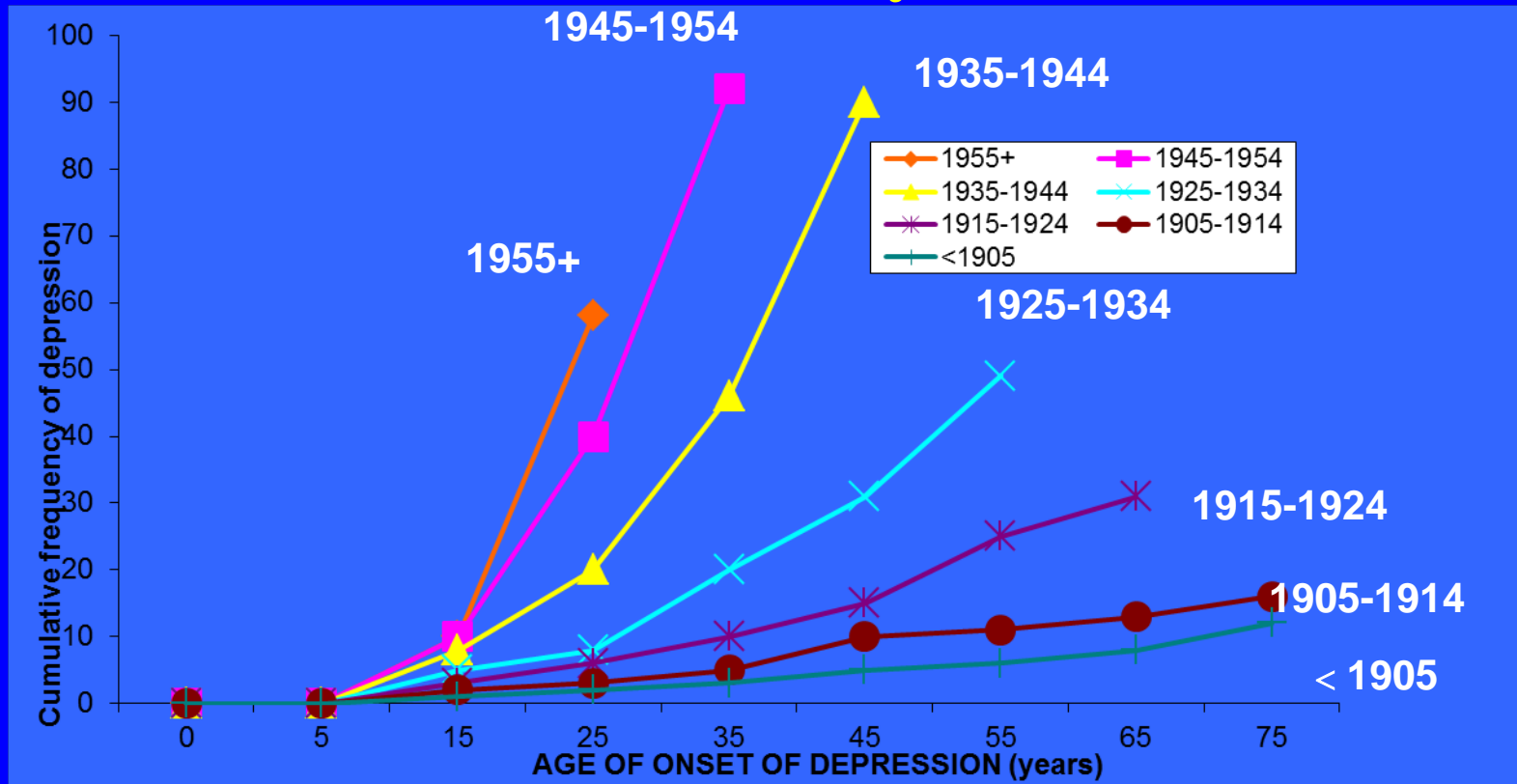
MMPI Psychopathic Deviation (Pd) scale scores



MMPI Hypomania (Ma) scale scores

Cumulative frequency of depression according to the decade of birth and the age at the start of the disease

ECA study

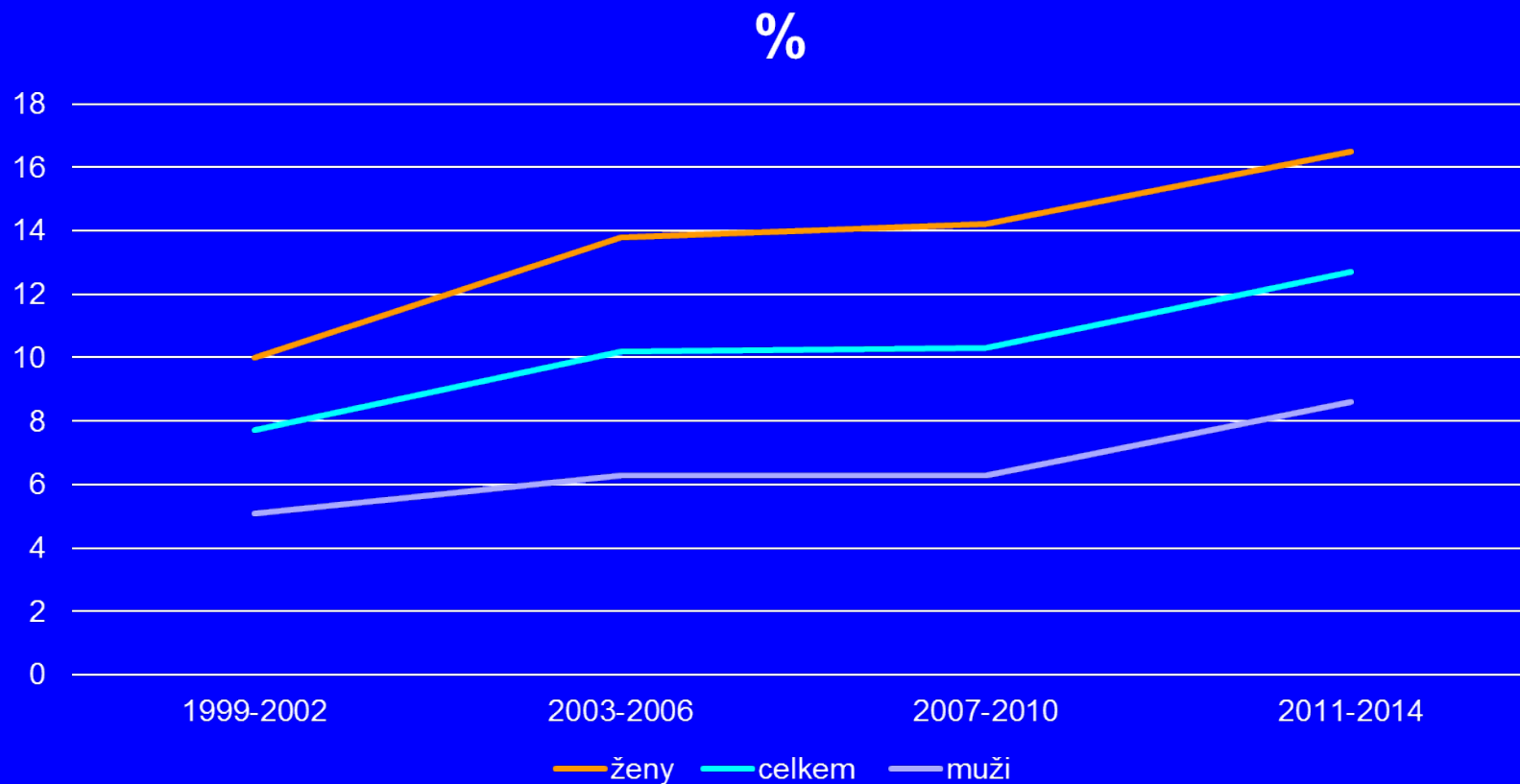


ONE-YEAR PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

	1991-2	2001-2	P<
Number	42,862	43,093	
Total	3.33	7.06	0.001
Men	2.74	4.88	0.001
Women	3.88	9.06	0.001
18 – 29	5.99	9.98	0.001
30 – 44	3.86	7.32	0.001
45 +	1.32	5.54	0.001

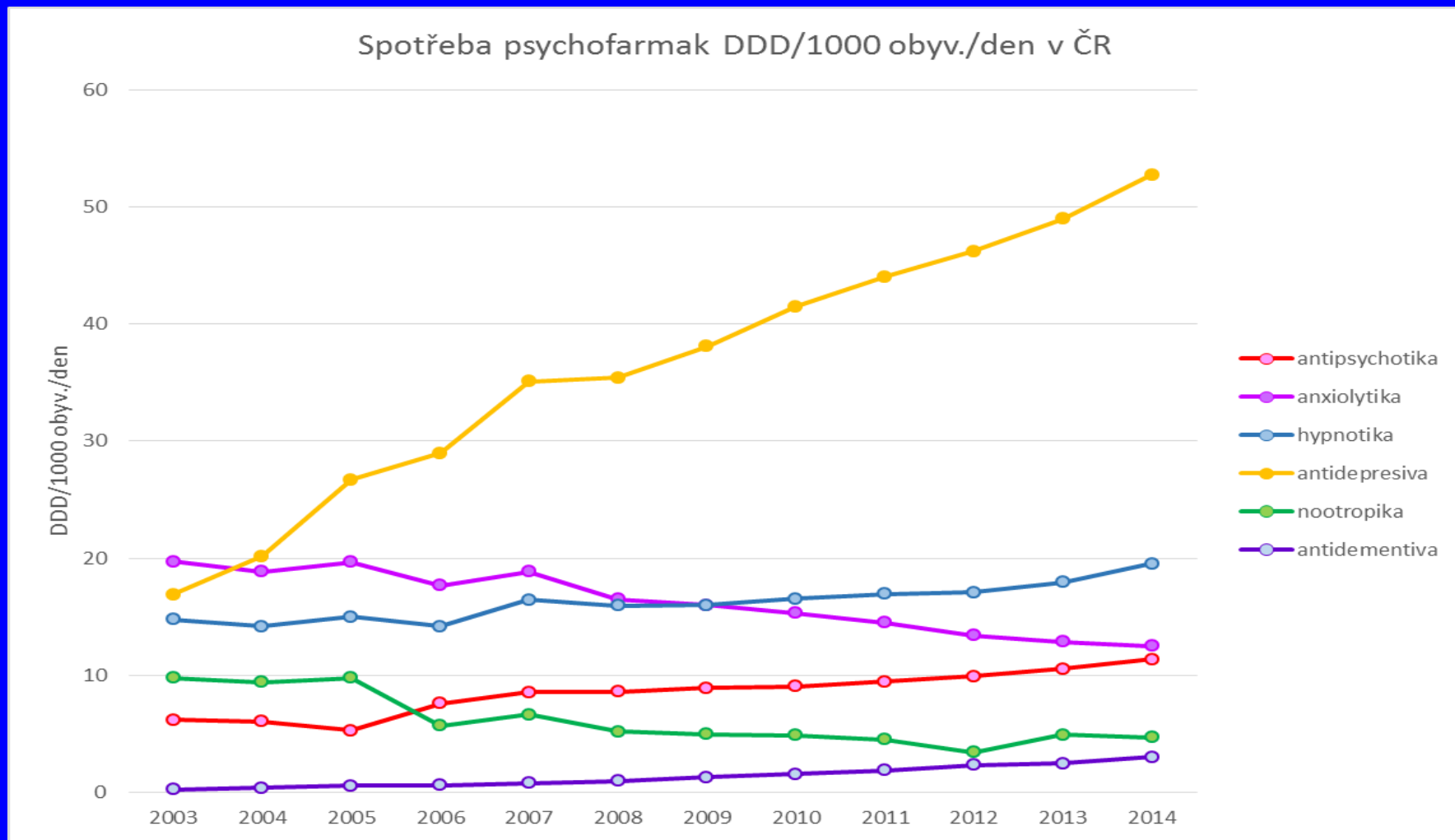
Compton et al., 2006

TRENDS OF CONSUMPTION OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS IN PERSONS OLDER THAN 12 YEARS IN THE USA



CONSUMPTION OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS

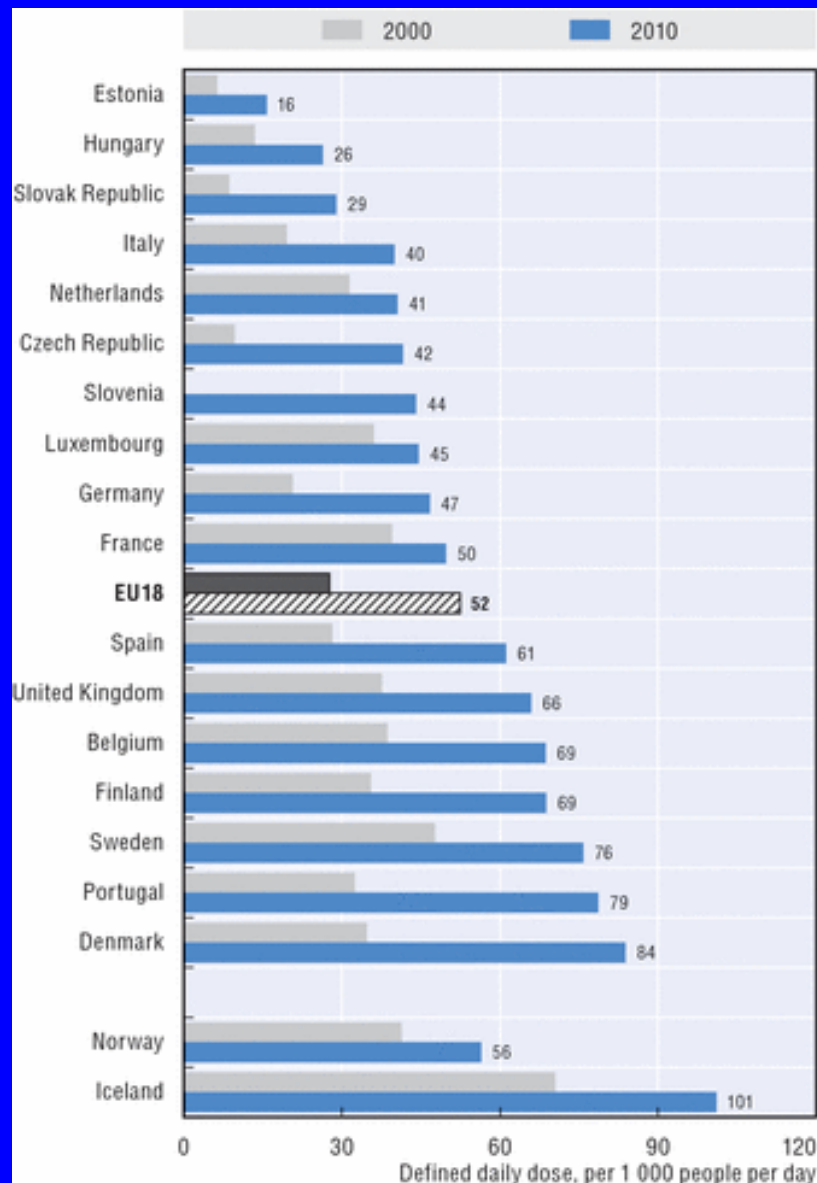
DDD/1000 inhabitants/day



CZECH POPULATION 2014 (N=1028)

Drug	Occasionally (%)	Regularly (%)	Total
Anxiolytics	13	5	18
Antidepressants	6	5	11
Hypnotics	13	3	16

ANTIDEPRESSANTS CONSUMPTION (DDD/1000/year) 2000 and 2010





SUBGROUPS AT RISK

- **AFFECTIVE DISORDER IN THE FAMILY (SUICIDE)**
- **LONELINESS, OLDER AGE**
- **FEMALE GENDER (POSTPARTUM PERIOD, PERIMENOPAUSE)**
- **ADVERSE LIFE EVENTS (DIVORCE, “EMPTY NEST“, JOB LOSS, BEREAVEMENT ...)**
- **ABUSE OF ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES**
- **LIFE STYLE**
- **SERIOUS PHYSICAL CONDITION (CARDIOVASCULAR, ...)**

ONE-YEAR PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSION

	%
General population	5.8
Chronically ill	9.4
Cancer patients	33
Patients with Parkinson's disease	39
Patients after MI	45
Patients after stroke	47



PLUTARCH (40 – 125)

He looks like a man haunted by the wrath of gods ... he drives away physicians and his friends who try to comfort him ...

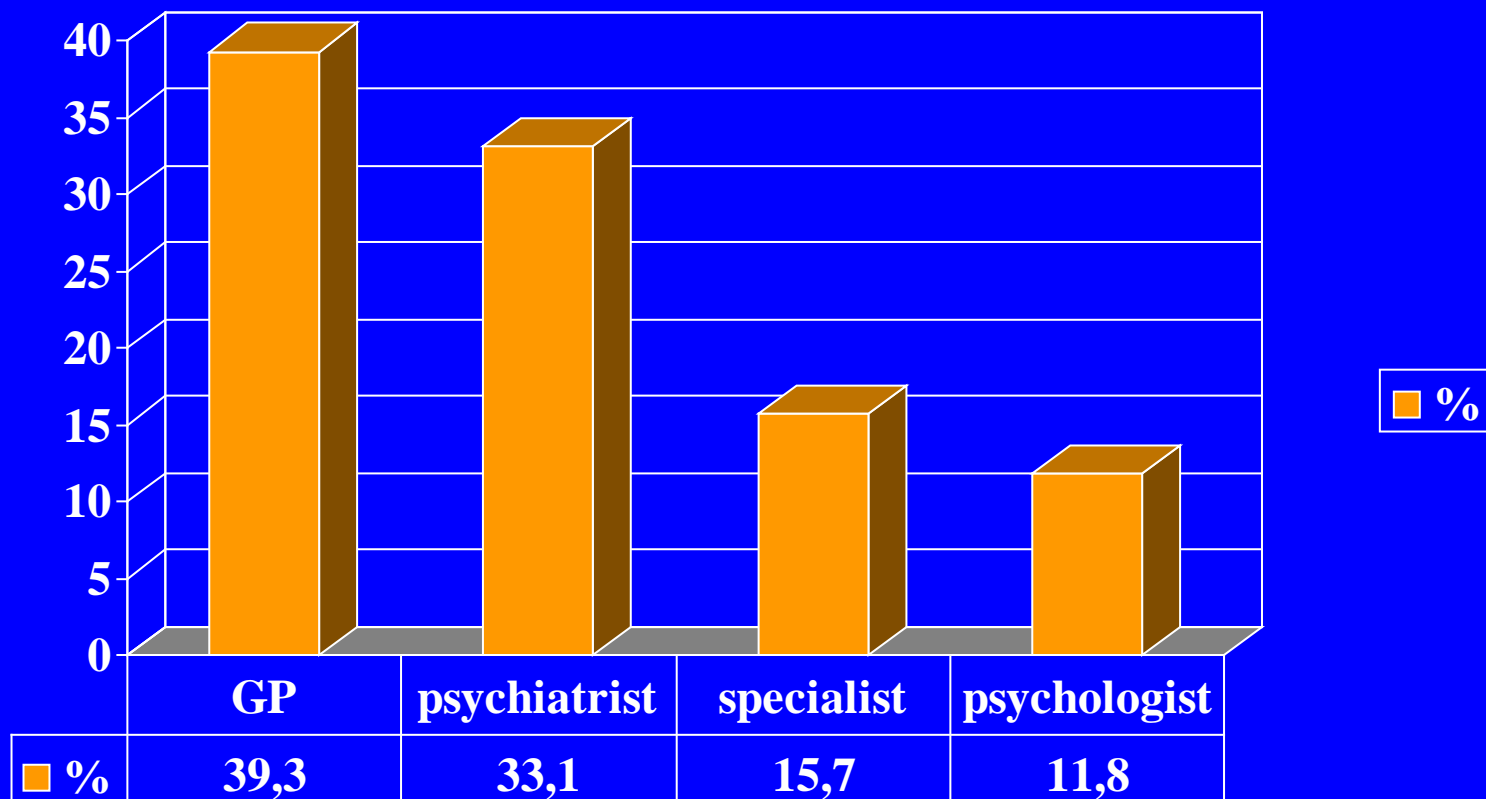
"Leave me alone, so that I can endure my punishment."



OBSTACLES IN IDENTIFYING DEPRESSION

- **STIGMA**
- **TIME PRESSURE**
- **TRAINING IN MENTAL DISORDERS**
- **“TACIT AGREEMENT“**
- **COMORBID SOMATIC DISEASE**

67.3 % “SOUGHT HELP“
mostly from non-physicians 81.3 %

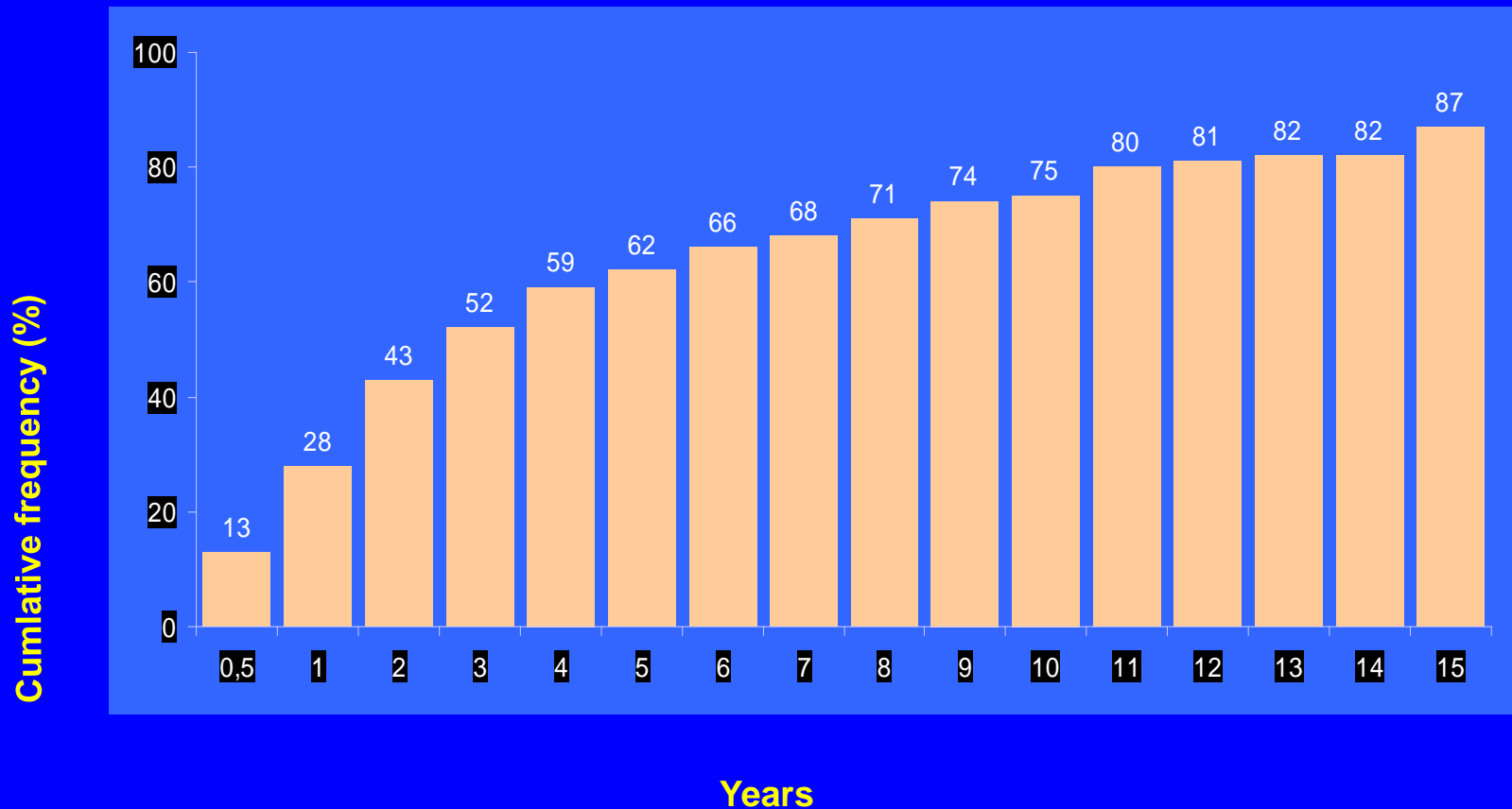


FIRST CONSULTATION FOR PSYCHIC PROBLEMS



CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY OF RELAPSES OF DEPRESSION

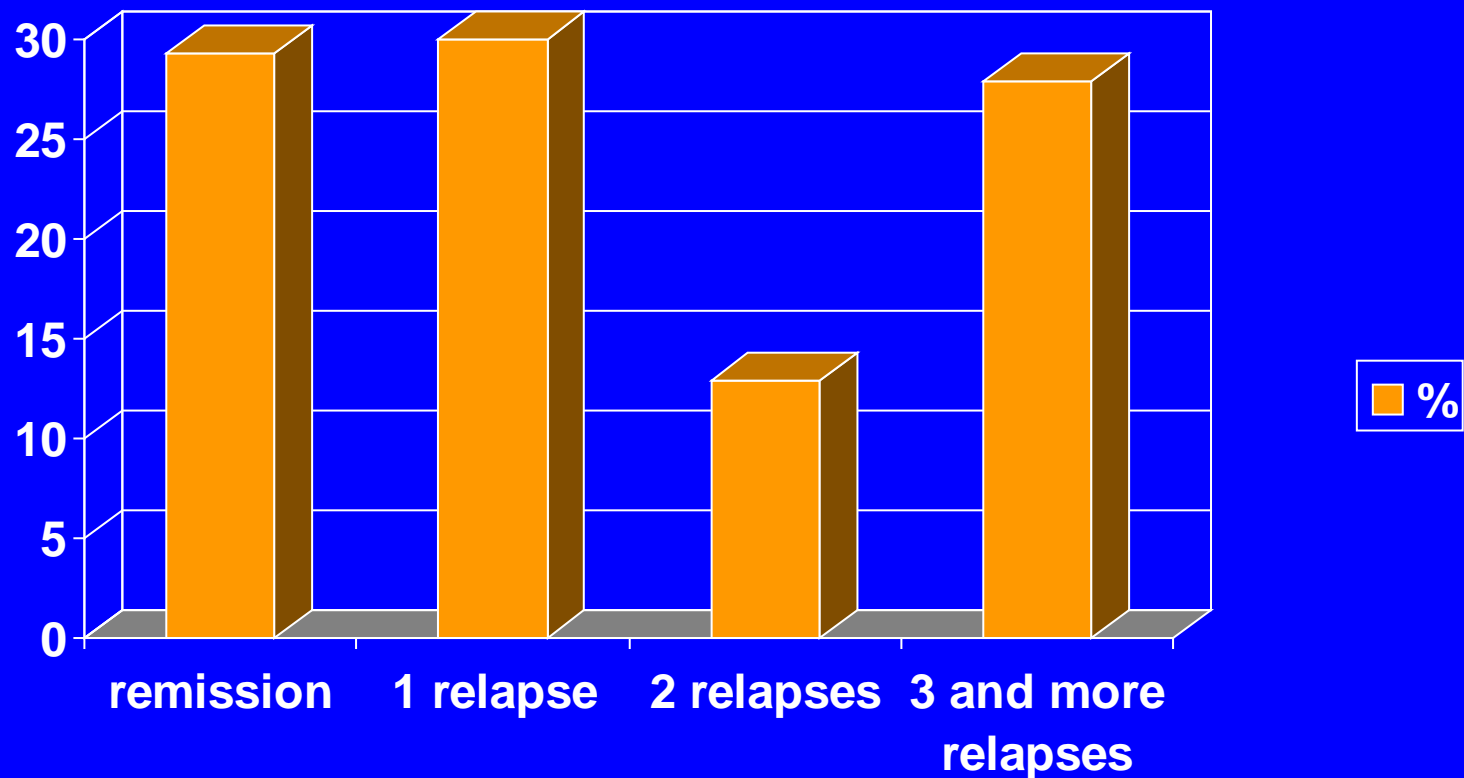
(378 patients with depressive disorder)



Rothschild, A. J., et al., 1999

Long-term course of depressive disorder

163 patients monitored for 5 years



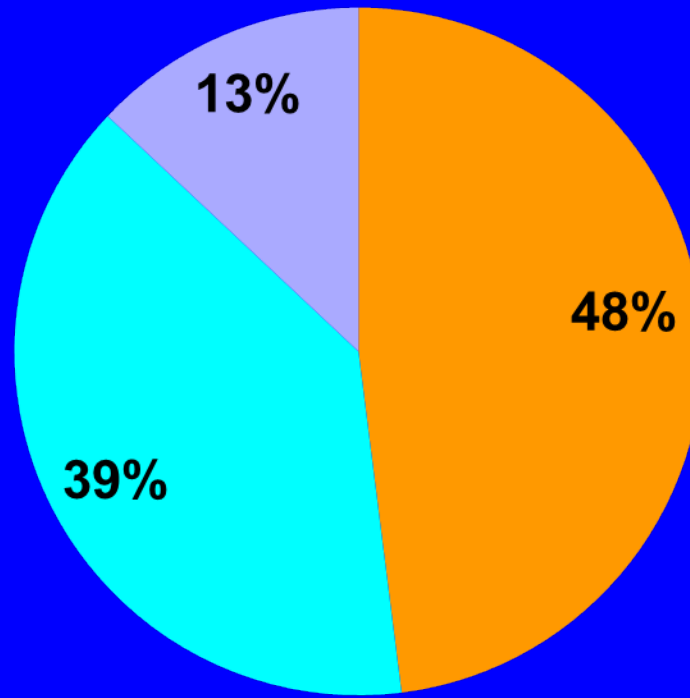
**98.8% clinical improvement, 88.4%
full remission, median 11 months**

Holma et al., 2008

LONG-TERM COURSE OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

%

■ remission ■ relapses ■ chronic course



Steinert et al., 2014

FACTORS INFLUENCING THE COURSE OF DEPRESSION

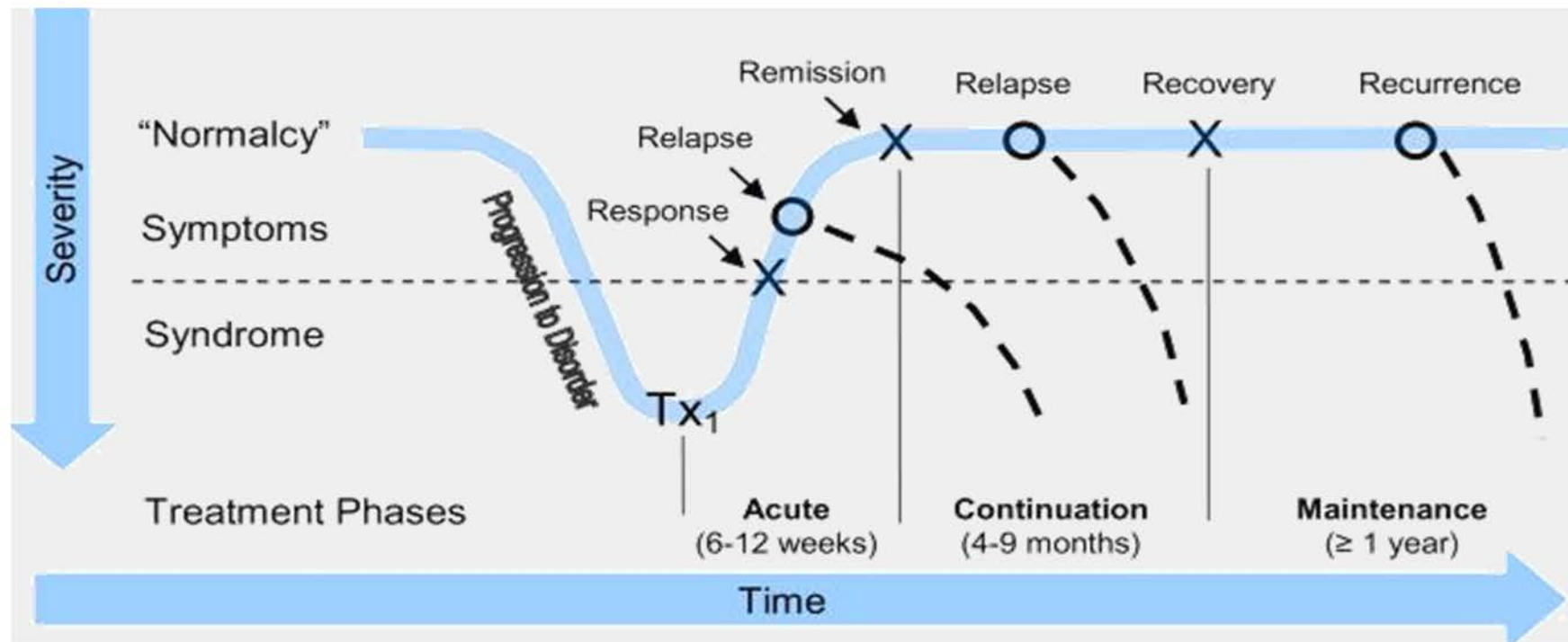
- **GENETIC RISK**
- **AGE AT THE START OF DEPRESSION (<25, 60<)**
- **FEMALE GENDER**
- **NUMBER OF PREVIOUS EPISODES AND THEIR INTENSITY**
- **COMORBIDITY**
- **PSYCHOSOCIAL SITUATION (PARTNER)**
- **BIOLOGICAL FACTORS SLEEP PATTERN, HPA ACTIVITY, GENETIC FACTORS**

TREATMENT IN 21st CENTURY



**COMPLEX
EVIDENCE BASED
MEASUREMENT
BASED
PERSONALISED**

PHASES OF DEPRESSION TREATMENT



**Response = reduction >50%
symptoms**

**Remission = few, if any, symptoms of
depression**

**Recovery = Long lasting full remission of symptoms and return to
previous functioning**

DEPRESSION ACUTE TREATMENT OPTIONS

- **PSYCHOTHERAPY (CBT, IP, PST,)**
- **ANTIDEPRESSANTS**
- **OTHER BIOLOGICAL METHODS**

ECT

rTMS

PHOTOTHERAPY

SLEEP DEPRIVATION

AEROBIC EXERCISE

VNS, DBS, LNC, tDCS



Psychotherapy

- **Basic treatment approach**
 - **in patients with mild to moderate depression**
 - **presence of psychosocial stressors, intrapsychic conflicts, interpersonal difficulties**
 - **comorbidity with personality disorder**

- **Patient's wish is also important**



Forms of psychotherapy

- **Supportive psychotherapy - increases patient's adherence**
- Part of the treatment of each patient, it is performed by the attending physician (listening, sympathy, support and encouragement, realistic goals)
- Informing the patient (and his immediate family) about the therapy and the expected progress

EFFECTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC METHODS

Psychotherapy	Main principles	Number of sessions	Notes
Problem-solving therapy	Identifying problems and developing the ability to solve them	4 – 6	Suitable for primary care
Cognitive Therapy	Identifying negative thoughts and replacing them with more rational approaches	12 – 16	Combination with behavioural therapy
Behavioural Therapy	Identification of inappropriate behaviours and replacing them with more suitable patterns	8 – 12	Combination with behavioural therapy
Interpersonal therapy	Identification of the main personal traits and problems, solutions to some of them	12 – 16	The combination of CBT and dynamic therapy

ASSUMED EFFECTS OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS

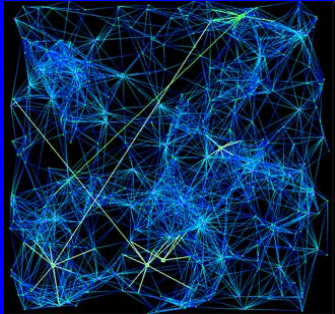
Reuptake blockade

Influence on receptors

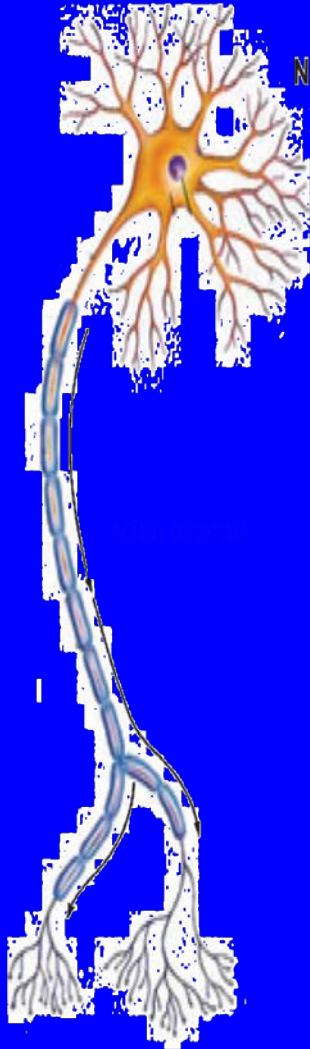
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SSRI	0	+++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TCA	++	++	0	++	-	-	0	-	0	0
SARI	0	+	0	0	--	-	0	--	0	0
SNRI	+	++	+/-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NDRI	+/-	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NaSSA	+/-	0	0	0	0	--	-	-	-	0
MASSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	+
SMRI	0	++	0	0	0	0	++ /-	0	-	0

Schatzberg 2005, Stahl 2005, Fornaro 2010, Sanchez 2015

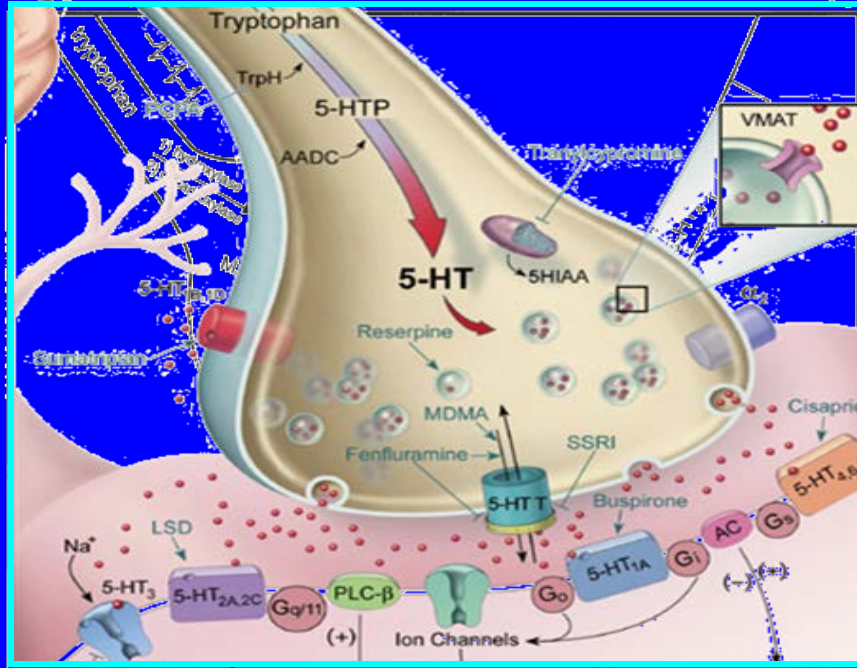
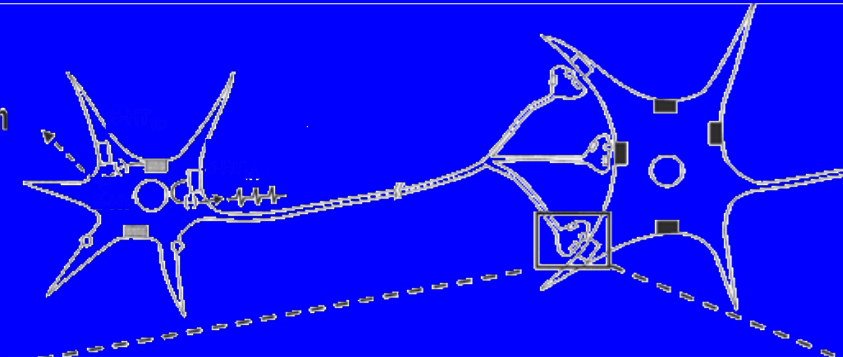
Neurotransmitter Systems



Network



Neuron



Communication between Neurons

ACUTE TREATMENT OF SSRI STIMULATION OF POSTSYNAPTIC RECEPTORS

SEROTONINERGIC SYSTEM	EFFECT
5 HT1	ANTIDEPRESSANT EFFECT
5HT2	ANXIETY, INSOMNIA, SEXUAL PROBLEMS
5HT3	GIT, LOSS OF APPETITE

Effects
adverse desirable

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

- **ANTIDEPRESSANTS REPRESENT A FIRST LINE OF TREATMENT FOR MODERATE OR SEVERE DEPRESSION**
- **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS ANTIDEPRESSANTS IS ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL (50 – 70 %)**
- **THE CHOICE OF THE DRUG IS MADE BASED ON ITS SIDE EFFECTS, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY, FORMER BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN THE PATIENT OR HIS/HER RELATIVES, THE PATIENT'S WISH AND THE COST OF THE DRUG**

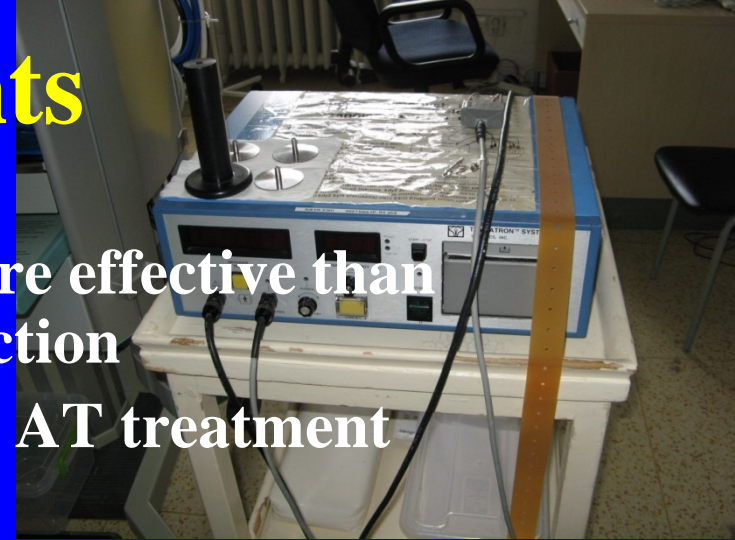
APA, 2000

Side effects of selected antidepressants

Substance	GIT	Sedation	Insomnie/ agitation	Sexual dysfunction	Weight increase	Lethality in overdose
Citalopram	++	-	++	++	-	Low
Escitalopram	++	-	++	++	-	Low
Fluoxetine	++	?	+	?	?	Low
Sertraline	++	-	++	++	-	Low
Venlafaxine	++	-	++	++	-	Low
Amitriptyline	-	+++	-	+	+++	High
Clomipramine	+	+	+	++	++	Medium
Dosulepin	-	++	-	+	+	High
Bupropion	+	-	+	-	-	Low
Trazodone	+	++	-	++	+	Low
Mirtazapine	-	++	-	-	++	Low
Moklobemide	+	-	+	-	-	Low
Agomelatine	+	-	-	-	-	Low

Other biological treatments

- **Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)**
 - Remission in 85-95% of patients, more effective than psychotropic drugs, faster onset of action
 - Need for continued and prophylactic AT treatment



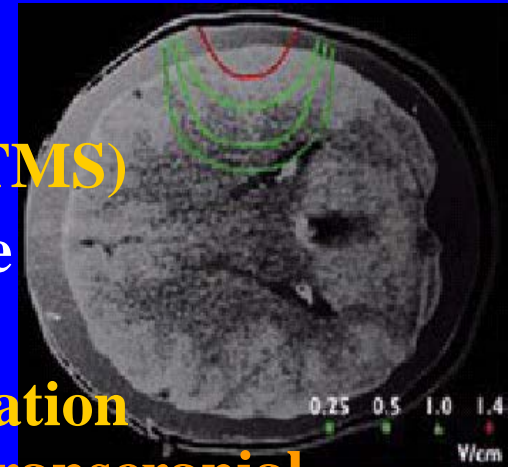
Chronobiologic treatment

- Phototherapy - exposure of intense white light for half an hour to two hours, preferably in the morning, especially in seasonal affective disorders
- Sleep deprivation or sleep shift

- **Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS)**

- Comparable effectiveness with ECT in some indications

- **Vagal stimulation (VNS), deep brain stimulation (DBS), limbic neurosurgery (LNC), tDCS - transcranial direct-current stimulation**



MEASUREMENT BASED CARE RATING SCALES

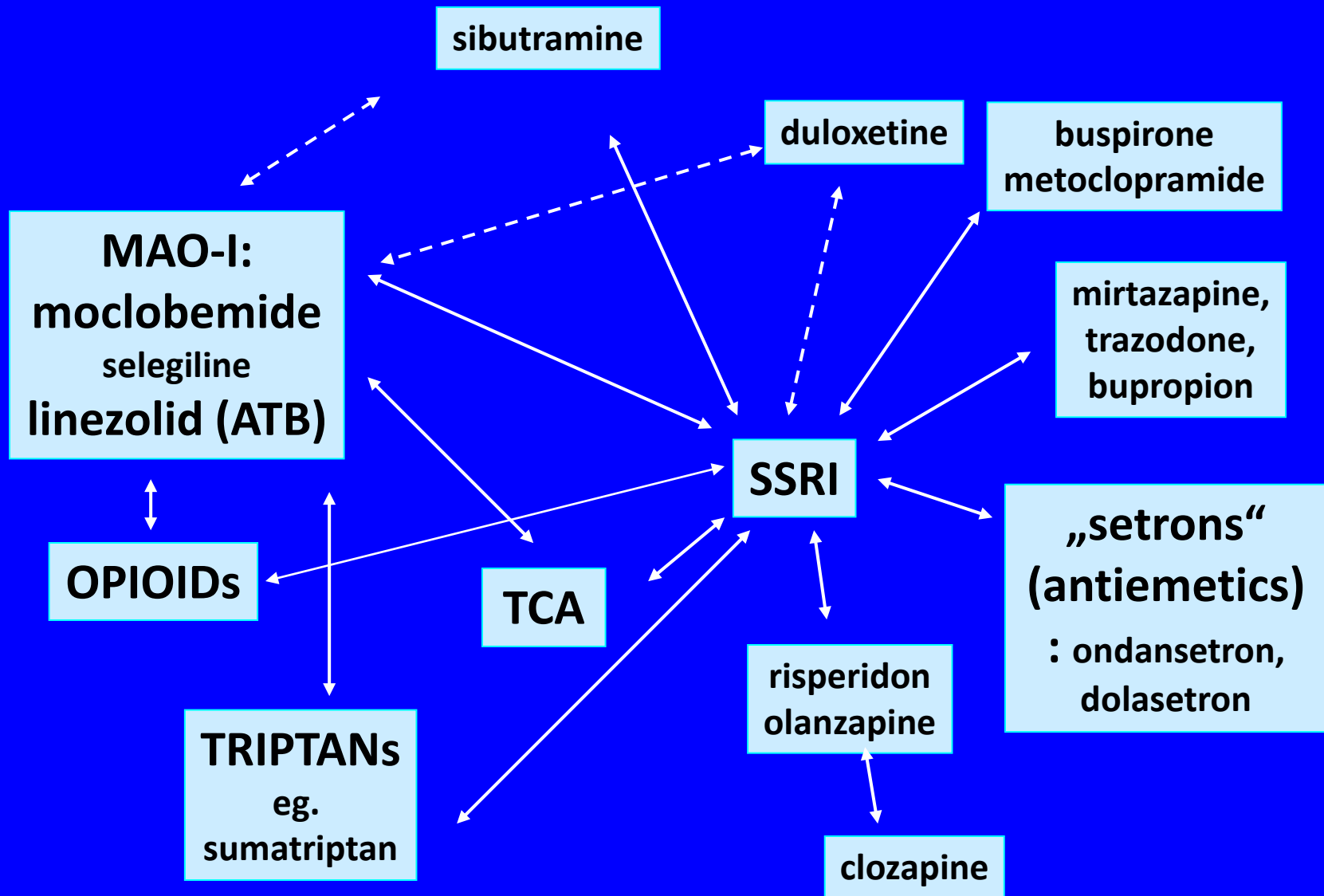
Depression	Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale Beck Depression Inventory	HAM-D MADRS DBI
Mania	Young Mania Rating Scale	YMRS
Functional Measures	Sheehan Disability Scale	SDS
Quality of Life	Quality of Life Enjoyment and Satisfaction Questionnaire	Q-LES- Q



COMPLICATION OF SSRI ACUTE TREATMENT

- **SEROTONIN SYNDROME**
- **FAILURE OF TREATMENT**
- **SUICIDAL BEHAVIOUR**

Serotonine syndrome



Serotonin syndrome

Rare, but life-threatening

- **Signs and symptoms:**
 - **Impairment of psychic functions: Agitation, confusion, mania**
 - **Impairment of autonomous functions: Sweating, diarrhea, fever + chills**
 - **Impairment of neuromuscular functions: Hyperreflexia, movement incoordination, myoclonus, tremor**
- **Diagnosis: 3 of above mentioned symptoms**
- **Discontinuation of the serotonergic drugs**
- **When suspected: Transport to intensive care unit**

FAILURE OF TREATMENT

- **NO POSITIVE RESPONSE TO TREATMENT WITHIN 4-6 WEEKS**
- **RIGHT DIAGNOSIS?**
- **COMPLIANCE**
- **MAXIMISING THE DOSE**
- **CHANGE OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS**
- **COMBINATION**
- **POTENTIATION OF THE ANTIDEPRESSANT ACTION (LITHIUM, T3, STIMULANTS, ESTROGENS, ...)**

Treatment strategies for depression: WFSBP guidelines

Partial or non-response to 2–4 week treatment with an antidepressant at adequate dosage

Consider treatment optimisation
(dose increase)

Combining two antidepressants from diff. classes (level C)

Augmentation strategies (level A, B and C)

Switch to a new antidepressant from a different or same pharmacol. Class (level B)

Consider adding psychotherapy at any time during treatment

Consider ECT at any time during treatment



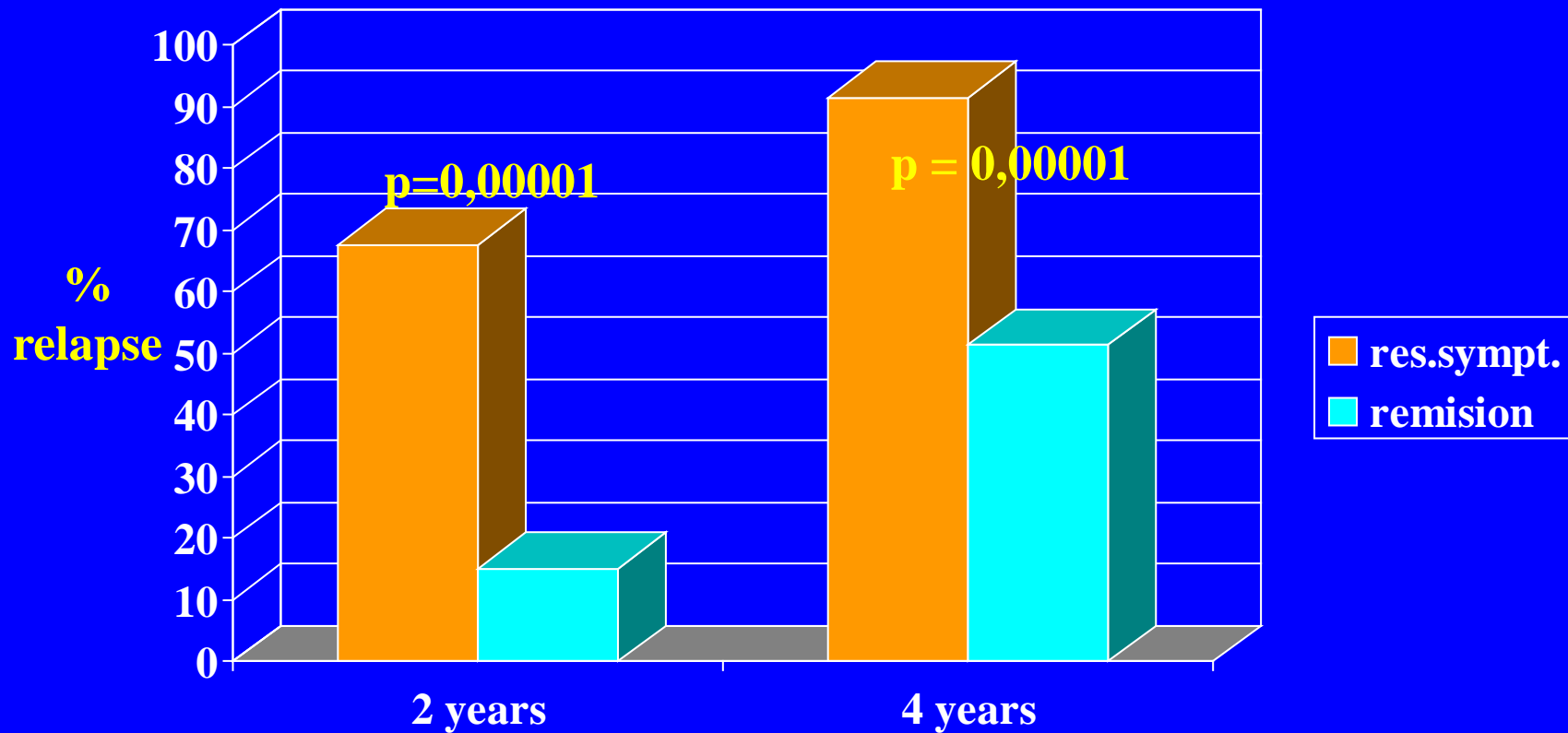
RESIDUAL SYMPTOMS

- **Fatigue**
- **Loss of libido**
- **Sleep Disorders**
- **Psychic and somatic anxiety**
- **Subdepression**
- **Loss of weight**

N=114, monitoring for 3 years

Karp et al., 2004

RESIDUAL SYMPTOMS – A NEGATIVE PROGNOSTIC FACTOR

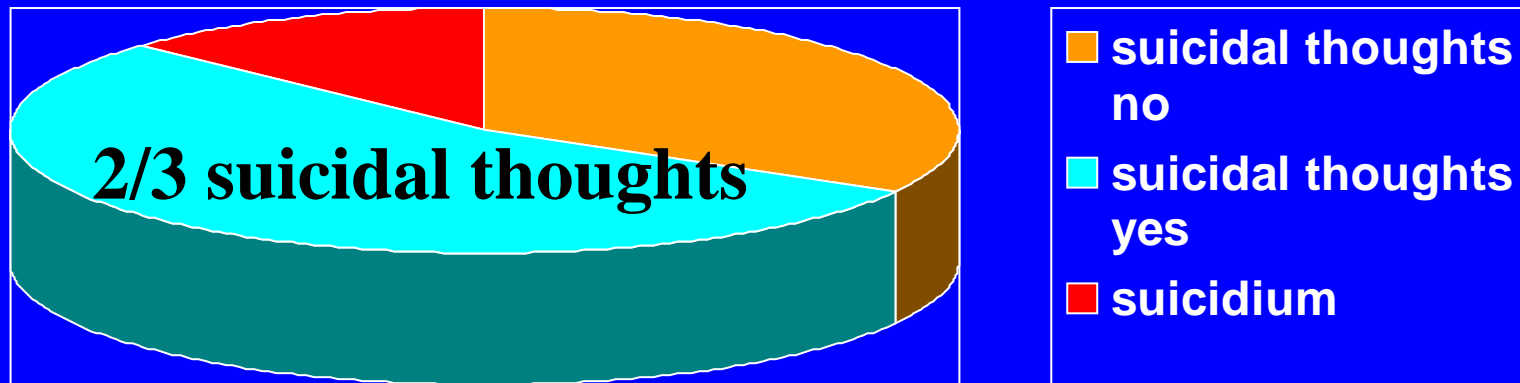


186/139 patients with major depressive episode
Naturalistic study

Pintor et al., 2003, 2004

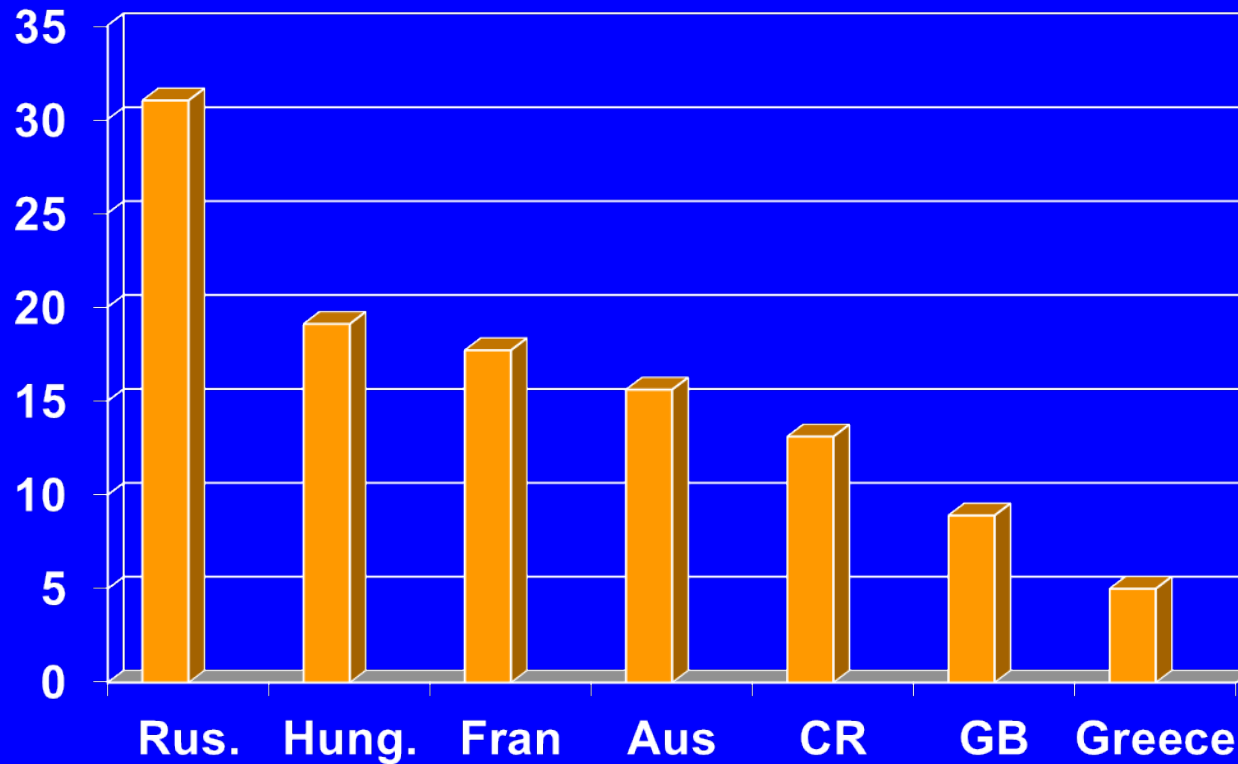
LONG-TERM COURSE OF DEPRESSION

7 – 15 % commits suicide



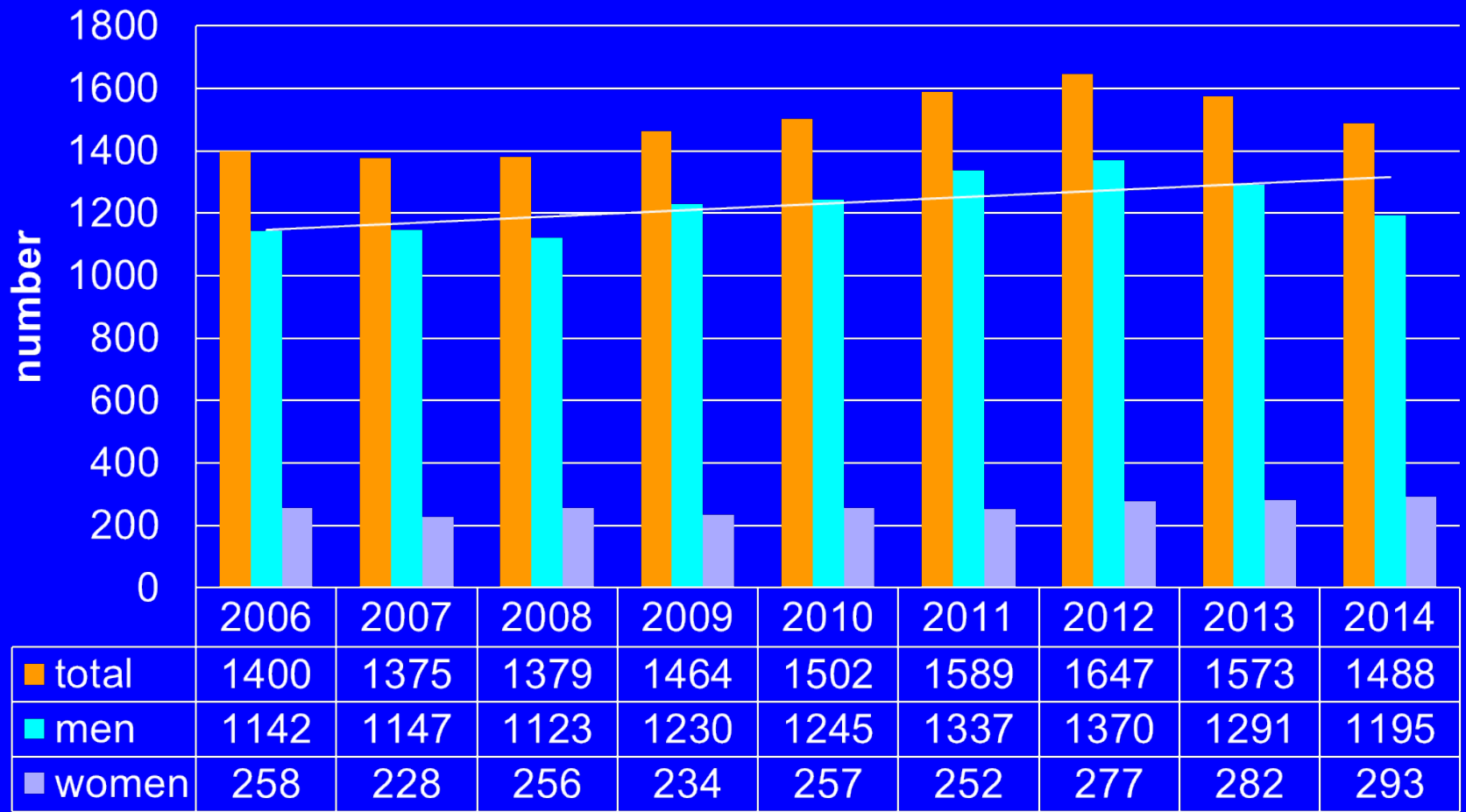
Keller and Sadock, 1991

NUMBER OF COMPLETED SUICIDES/100 000/YEAR



WHO 2018

Suicides/year CR



RISK OF SUICIDES ACCORDING TO DIAGNOSES

Disorder	Relative risk, SMR	Suicide rate, %/year	Lifetime risk %
Bipolar disorder	28	0,39	23,4
Severe depression	21	0,29	17,4
Mixed substance abuse	20	0,28	16,8
Severe anxiety disorder	11	0,15	9,0
Moderate depression	9	0,13	7,8
Schizophrenia	9	0,12	7,2
Personality disorder	7	0,10	6,0
Cancer	2	0,03	1,8
General population	1	0,014	0,8

Tondo et al., 2003



SUICIDAL BEHAVIOUR DURING ACUTE TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION

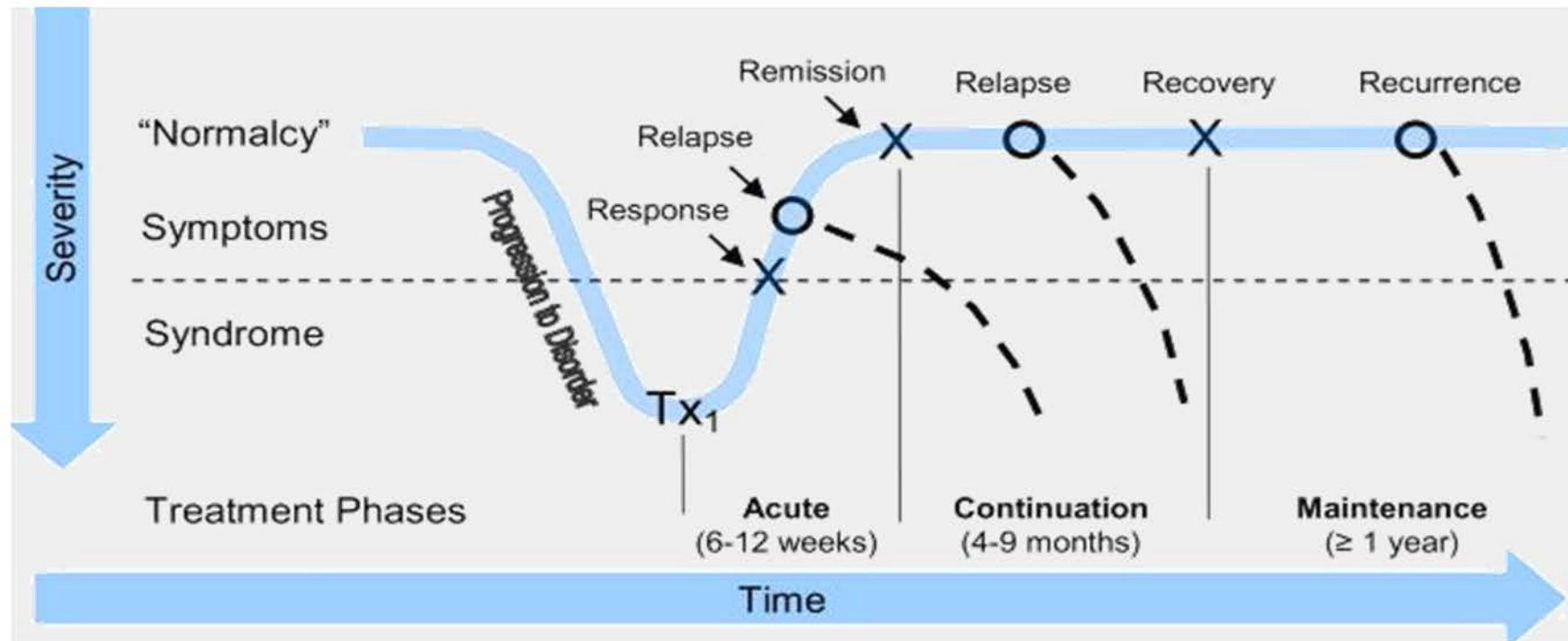
- **ANTIDEPRESSANT EFFECT - 2 - 4 WEEKS**
- **ACTIVATING EFFECT - 1 - 2 WEEKS,
ANXIETY**
- **FREQUENT VISITS, THE POSSIBILITY OF
TELEPHONE CONSULTATION, CONTACT
WITH RELATIVES**



SUICIDAL PATIENT

- **DO YOU EVER FEEL THAT LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING?**
- **DO YOU THINK ABOUT DEATH?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO DIE?**
- **DO YOU CONSIDER HURTING YOURSELF?**
- **DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?**
- **WHAT HELPED YOU NOT TO CARRY OUT THAT PLAN?**

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Indication for maintenance treatment with antidepressants

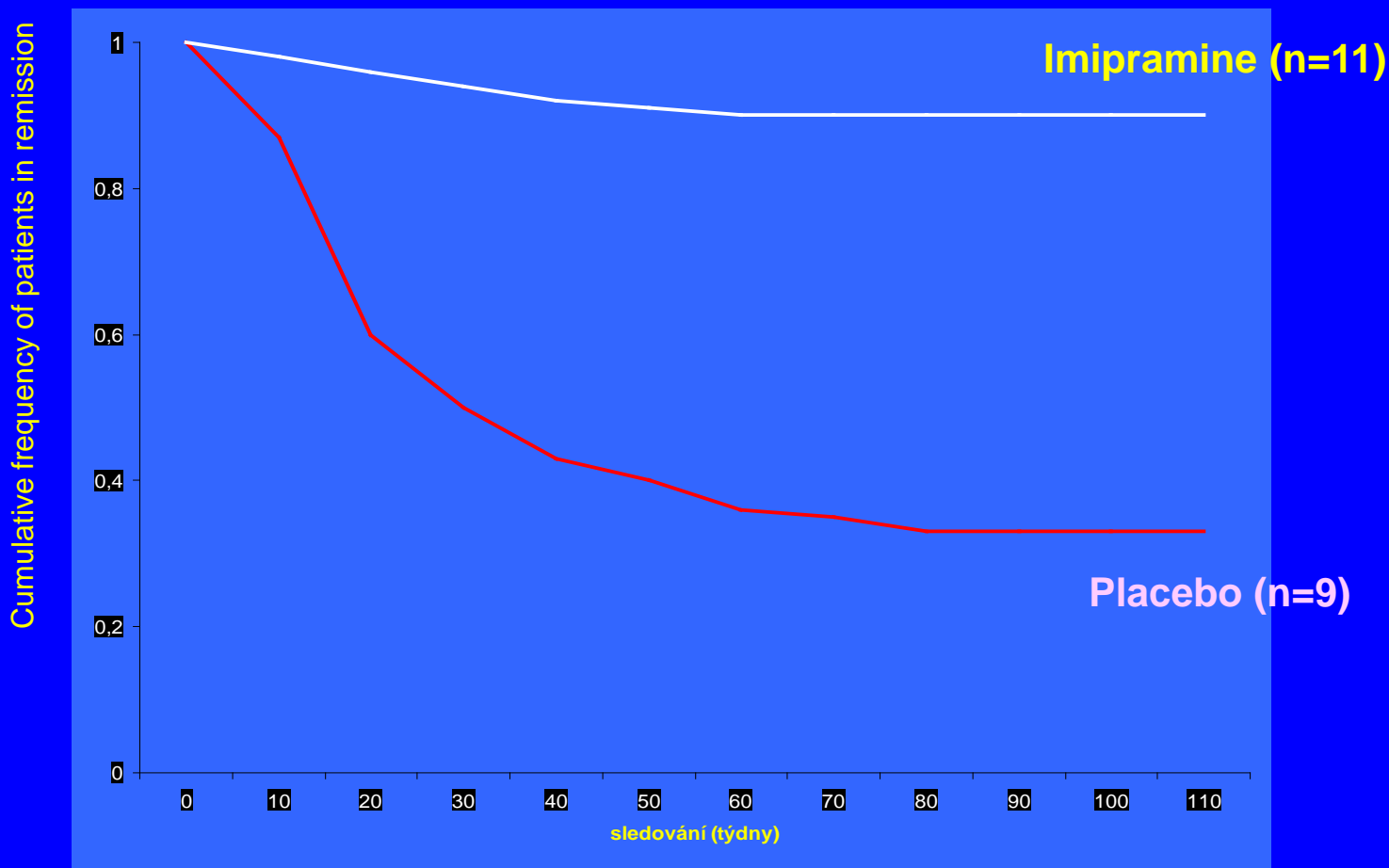
First depressive episode - no indication

Two depressive episodes during the past 5 years and the following risk factors:

- Late onset (after the age of 60 years)
- Early onset (before the age of 30 years)
- Short interval between episodes
- Rapid development of episode
- Genetic risk of affective disorders
- Co-morbidity (anxiety disorders, dysthymia, overuse of alcohol or other addictive substances)
- Great intensity of depression, including suicidality
- Difficulties in the continuation treatment (residual symptoms)
- Difficulties in the restoration of working abilities and psychosocial functioning

Three depressive episodes during the past 5 years

RESULTS OF MAINTENANCE TREATMENT WITH IMIPRAMINE IN 4. AND 5. YEARS IN COMPARISON WITH PLACEBO



The difference between the groups is statistically significant, $p < 0.006$

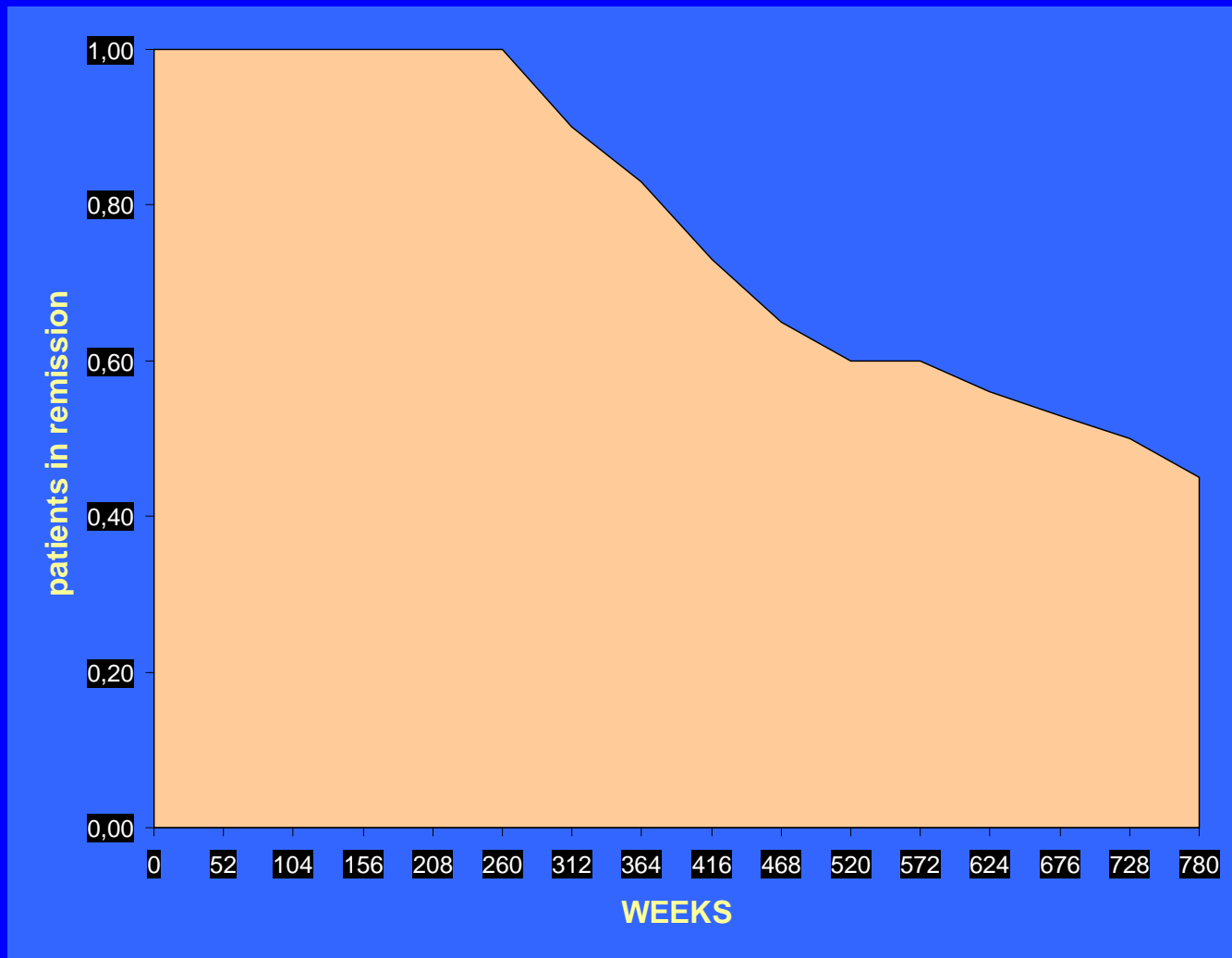
Kupfer, D.J., et al., 1992

The inhibitory effects of modern antidepressants on cytochrome P450 (CYP) at usual doses

Drug	2C9	2D6	3A4
Fluoxetine	++	++++	++
Sertraline	++	+	++
Citalopram	0	+	0
Escitalopram	0	0	0
Venlafaxine	0	0	0
Bupropion	0	+++	0
Mirtazapine	0	0	0

0 insignificant, + mild, ++ moderate, +++ significant, ++++ high

Recurrences in 105 patients with major depression after 5 years-remission



F31 Bipolar affective disorder

- **Bipolar affective disorder:** Alternating manic and depressive episodes or, as the case may be, the state of remission (i.e. the state without signs of affective disorder)
- **Epidemiology:** Lifetime prevalence of bipolar disorder is 1% with no gender differences with the average onset of the disorder between 20 to 30 years
- High **comorbidity** with abuse of alcohol and drugs and somatic diseases (obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular and endocrine diseases)
- **Suicidality** in bipolar disorder is around 19%

F31 Bipolar affective disorder - bipolar depression

Treatment:

- Biological methods prevail, but also psychotherapy
- In the acute phase (**manic** and **depressive**), to begin with **mood stabilizers** (lithium, valproate, olanzapine, risperidon, quetiapine, aripiprazol, ziprasidon, asenapin, paloperidol, lamotrigine)
- In complicated cases **combinations** of drugs or **ECT**
- From antidepressants, combinations with **SSRIs** are preferred
- With the onset of remission, **continuation therapy** is introduced (for at least 4 months) - the lowest effective level of mood stabilizers

COMPLIANCE

- **RATE OF ADHERENCE TO THE PRESCRIBED REGIMEN**
- **STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING
PATIENT – PHYSICIAN RELATIONSHIP
EDUCATION (RELATIVES AND OTHERS)
ADEQUATE PHARMACOTHERAPY**

Haddad, 2000

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION**

