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 2 **validation of a risk prediction algorithm from Spain.**

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45 **ABSTRACT**

46 **Context:** The different incidence rates of major depression and its associated risk factors suggest the
47 need for specific national rather than supranational risk algorithms.

48 **Objectives:** 1) To develop and validate a predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm for the onset of major
49 depression and 2) To compare the performance of the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm with the predictD-
50 Europe-risk-algorithm in Spanish primary health care.

51 **Design:** Prospective cohort study with evaluations at baseline, 6 and 12 months. We measured 39
52 known risk factors and used multilevel logistic regression and inverse probability weighting to build the
53 predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm. We corrected the model for overfitting and tested it in data from other
54 countries.

55 **Setting:** Health Centers in Europe and South-America.

56 **Participants:** In Spain (4574), Chile (2133) and other 5 European countries (5184), 11891 non
57 depressed adult primary care attendees formed our at risk population.

58 **Main Outcome Measures:** DSM-IV major depression (Composite International Diagnostic Interview).

59 **Results:** The predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm was developed in 2787 primary care attendees in Spain and
60 its use validated in Chile (1844) and five other European countries (4075). Six variables were patient
61 characteristics or past events (sex, age, sex*age interaction, education, physical child abuse, and
62 lifetime depression) and six were current status (SF-12-physical-score, SF-12-mental-score,
63 dissatisfaction with unpaid work, number of serious problems in very close persons, dissatisfaction with
64 living together at home, and taking medication for stress, anxiety or depression). Province was the
65 thirteenth factor. The C-index of the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm was 0.82 (95%CI=0.79-0.84) and in
66 other countries it ranged between 0.70-0.83. Both the test for C-index differences (difference=0.0316;
67 95%CI=0.0121-0.0530; $p<0.0022$) and calibration plots showed that the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm
68 functioned better than the predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm in Spain. However, this did not hold true when
69 applied to other countries in Europe or Chile.

70 **Conclusions:** The predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm included new variables and offered an improved
71 performance over the predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm for predicting the onset of major depression in
72 Spain.
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74 Effective strategies for preventing depression and reducing disease burden are hindered by lack of
75 evidence about whether the risk for major depression can be quantified in the same way as other
76 clinical disorders, such as cardiovascular disease.¹

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78 The predictD study is a pioneering international study whose main objective was to develop a risk index
79 for the onset of major depression in general practice attendees.² From 39 potential risk factors for
80 depression, a risk index of 10 risk factors was drawn up for Europe that has excellent predictive power
81 and good external validity.³

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83 Risk models for do not always apply well across countries. For example the incidence of myocardial
84 infarction is relatively low in Spain and other southern European countries and individual cardiovascular
85 risk estimates based on the classic Framingham model have been shown to overestimate the actual
86 individual risk in Spanish persons.^{1,4}

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88 Likewise, evidence exists of different prevalence rates of depression across Europe, even after
89 adjusting for likely confounding factors.⁵ Moreover, important variations are found across European
90 countries concerning the prevalence of factors associated with depression, including comorbidity of
91 mood and anxiety disorders, living arrangements, unemployment, perception of life events and social
92 support, quality of life, impact of work on mental health, and help seeking from services for mental
93 health problems or misuse of psychotropic drugs.⁶⁻⁸ Consequently, rather than simply calibrating
94 existing risk prediction tools, new country specific prediction risk scores for the onset of depression are
95 required.

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97 Based on the predictD-International²⁻³ and the predictD-Spain study⁹ we aimed to develop and to
98 validate a risk algorithm for the onset of major depression in Spanish primary care attendees, and to
99 compare the performance of the European and Spanish risk algorithms in Spanish data.

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101 METHODS

102 Design

103 We undertook a prospective cohort study to develop and validate a risk prediction algorithm for the
104 onset of major depression at 12 months in Spanish primary care attendees. We assessed the external
105 validity of the Spanish-risk-algorithm in data from a previous study of patients attending general
106 practices in Chile and 5 other European countries (UK, Netherlands, Estonia, Slovenia and Portugal).
107 The method has been described in detail elsewhere.^{2-3,9} The predictD-Spain study was approved by
108 ethical committees in each Spanish province.

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110 Setting

111 Seven provinces participated with 41 health centers and 231 physicians distributed throughout Spain:
112 Malaga and Granada in southern Spain; Zaragoza and La Rioja in northern Spain; Madrid, capital of
113 Spain, situated in the center; Las Palmas in the Canary Islands; and Majorca in the Balearic Islands.
114 Each health center covers a population of 15,000 to 30,000 inhabitants from a geographically defined
115 area. The physicians in each health center work as a group, with extensive primary care teams. The
116 Spanish National Health Service provides free medical cover to 100% of the population. The health
117 centers taking part cover urban and rural settings in each province.

118 The external validation study used data collected in the original predictD-International study in 5 other
119 European countries: 25 health centers in the Medical Research Council General Practice Research
120 Framework in the United Kingdom; 74 health centers nationwide in Slovenia; 23 Health Centers

121 nationwide in Estonia; 7 large Health Centers near Utrecht, the Netherlands; 2 large health centers in
122 Portugal, one in Lisbon and the other in Alentejo; and 78 health centers in Concepción and Talcahuano
123 in the Eighth Region of Chile.

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125 **Participants**

126 In the six Spanish provinces systematic random samples from physician appointment lists were taken at
127 regular intervals of between 4 and 6 attendees with random starting points for each day. The study
128 population, aged 18 to 75 years, was recruited between October 2005 and February 2006. The seventh
129 province, Malaga, recruited between October 2003 and February 2004 as it was already participating in
130 the predictD-International study. The external validation data were collected in consecutive attendees
131 aged 18 to 75 years who had been recruited in Europe between April 2003 and September 2004 and in
132 Chile between October 2003 and February 2005. Exclusion criteria for all participant countries were an
133 inability to understand one of the main languages involved, psychosis, dementia, and incapacitating
134 physical illness. In the United Kingdom and the Netherlands patients were recruited in clinics waiting
135 rooms while in the other countries recruitment was conducted in discussion with the family physician. In
136 Chile, attendees were randomly selected stratified by age and sex in each center. Participants who
137 gave informed consent undertook a research interview within two weeks.

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139 **Variables**

140 A DSM-IV diagnosis of major depression in the preceding 6 months was made using the depression
141 section of the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI) at baseline, 6 and 12 months.¹⁰⁻¹² The
142 risk factors selected cover all important areas identified in a systematic review of the literature. For the
143 test-retest analysis, we selected in Spain a random sample of 401 patients stratified by province; 251

144 completed researcher-administered questionnaires and 150 self-administered questionnaires before the
145 main study began.⁹ Test-retest reliability of questions used in the predictD-International study has been
146 reported previously.²⁻³ All potential risk factors for depression were measured at baseline:

- 147 • Socio-demographic factors: age, sex, marital status, occupation, employment status, ethnicity,
148 nationality, country of birth, educational level, income, owner-occupier of an accommodation, living
149 alone or with others.
- 150 • Controls, demands and rewards for unpaid and paid work, using an adapted version of the job
151 content instrument.¹³
- 152 • Debt and financial strain.¹⁴
- 153 • Physical and mental well-being, assessed by the SF-12¹⁵⁻¹⁶ and a question on the presence of long-
154 standing illness, disability or infirmity.
- 155 • Alcohol misuse, assessed by the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT).¹⁷⁻¹⁹
- 156 • A life-time screen for depression based on the first two questions of the CIDI.²⁰
- 157 • Lifetime use of recreational drugs.¹⁰⁻¹²
- 158 • Brief questions on the quality of sexual and emotional relationships with a partner, adapted from a
159 standardized questionnaire.²¹
- 160 • Anxiety symptoms using the anxiety section of the Primary Care Evaluation of Mental Disorders
161 (PRIME-MD).²²⁻²³
- 162 • Childhood experiences of physical, emotional or sexual abuse.²⁴
- 163 • Nature and strength of spiritual beliefs.²⁵

- 164 • Presence of serious physical, psychological or substance misuse problems, or any serious disability,
165 in persons who were close friends or relations of participants; and difficulty getting on with people
166 and maintaining close relationships, assessed using questions from a social functioning scale.²⁶
- 167 • Family psychiatric history in first-degree family members, and suicide in first-degree relatives.²⁷
- 168 • The living environment, including satisfaction with neighborhood and perception of safety inside and
169 outside the home using questions from the Health Surveys for England.²⁸
- 170 • Recent life-threatening events, using a brief validated checklist.²⁹
- 171 • Experiences of discrimination on the grounds of sex, age, ethnicity, appearance, disability or sexual
172 orientation using questions from a European study.³⁰
- 173 • Adequacy, availability and sources of social support from family and friends.³¹

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175 Statistical analyses

176 In order to develop the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm we included only patients without major depression
177 at baseline. Participants with missing depression diagnoses at both follow-up points (at 6 and 12
178 months) were excluded. We also excluded those with missing CIDI data at one follow-up who were not
179 depressed at the other, as we could not conclude whether or not major depression had occurred over
180 the follow-up period. However, we could include patients who were depressed at one follow-up point
181 and missing at the other (at 6 or 12 months), as they met the outcome criterion of depression at some
182 point over the 12 months. We conducted all analyses using STATA, release 10.³²

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184 *Data imputation*

185 Missing data in candidate risk factors were imputed using the method of chained equations,
186 implemented in the *STATA* “Ice” program.³³ We imputed 10 data sets³⁴ and obtained combined
187 estimates.³⁵

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189 *Model Building*

190 We performed multilevel logistic regressions to test the hierarchical data structure with the cumulative
191 incidence of depression at 12 months as the dependent variable. The likelihood-ratio test of the null
192 model with health center as a random factor versus usual logistic regression was significant ($\chi^2=15.20$,
193 $p<0.001$). Nevertheless, the likelihood-ratio test of the null model with health center and doctor as a
194 random factor versus the null model with only health center was not significant ($\chi^2=1.48$, $p=0.11$). The
195 intraclass correlation coefficients for incidence of depression at 12 months were 0.07 and 0.03 for health
196 center and doctor, respectively. Hence, we used multilevel logistic regression with two levels, patients
197 and health center. We built the risk model at 12 months using all the risk factors described earlier and
198 the province of each participant. We developed these models in the imputed data using a threshold for
199 inclusion of $p\leq 0.20$ to ensure that information lost as a result of exclusion of a variable from the
200 equation was minimal.³⁶ We retained age and sex in all regression models because of their well-known
201 associations with the onset of depression.³⁷ We also retained province because of an a priori
202 assumption of clustering within province, although it had few categories ($n=7$) that could be considered
203 as random factors.³⁸ The usefulness of including first-degree interactions was considered. Multivariable
204 fractional polynomial analysis was used to assess possible nonlinear effects of continuous predictors.
205 From the model thus obtained, those variables with $p\geq 0.05$ were extracted step by step to obtain a
206 more parsimonious model. The variables that modified coefficients by more than 10%, irrespective of
207 the value of p , remained in the model. For each patient the probability of remaining in the follow-up at 12
208 months was obtained³⁹ and then inverse probability weighting was applied to the final model to adjust

209 for a possible selection bias due to participants lost during the follow-up;⁴⁰ implemented through the
210 STATA “gllamm” program.⁴¹ We repeated the analyses in participants with complete data as a
211 sensitivity analysis.

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213 *Internal Validation*

214 The ability to distinguish those who will develop major depression from those who will not, was
215 assessed using the C-index.⁴² We used a calculation proposed by Copas⁴³ to adjust for over fitting of
216 our prediction models. To deal with the overfitting that arises through variable selection, we computed
217 the shrinkage factor based on the initial model including all variables. We calculated effect sizes using
218 the Hedge’s g ⁴⁴ for the difference in log odds of predicted probability between patients who were later
219 found to be depressed and those who were not. We assessed the goodness of fit of the final risk model
220 by grouping individuals into deciles of risk and comparing the observed probability of major depression
221 within these groups with the average risk (*Calibration plots*).

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223 *External Validation*

224 We used the C-index, Hedge’s g , and calibration plots to evaluate the performance of the predictD-
225 Spain-risk-algorithm (without province) in data from Chile and the other European countries.² When the
226 predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm was tested in data from all European countries, we excluded Spanish
227 patients from the European sample. We estimated the same parameters applying the predictD-Europe-
228 risk-algorithm³ in Spanish data to compare both models, the European and the Spanish. In this last
229 comparison the sample from Malaga was excluded from the sample since it was used to develop the
230 predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm. A test for difference in 2 correlated C-index, estimating error standard
231 by bootstrap, was used.⁴⁵ Furthermore, we calculated the “*Integrated Discrimination Improvement*” (IDI)

232 and the asymptotic test for the null hypothesis of $IDI=0$.⁴⁶ The IDI can be viewed as a difference
233 between improvement in average sensitivity and any potential increase in average '1-specificity'.

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235 RESULTS

236 In the 7 Spanish provinces 6526 people were asked to take part. Response to recruitment was 83.4%;
237 5442 were interviewed and 1084 refused to participate at baseline (Figure 1). Of those who refused to
238 participate, 780 gave their consent for their age and sex data to be used in our analysis. A higher
239 proportion of these latter were male, 360 of the 780 (46.1%) versus 1756 of the 5442 (32.3%) patients
240 who provided baseline information, $\chi^2=18.06$ and $p<0.001$, and those who refused had a lower mean
241 age, 46.9 [95% confidence Interval (CI): 45.7-48.0] versus 48.5 years (95% CI, 48.1- 48.9), $P=0.018$.

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243 At recruitment 5360 participants had full CIDI data to allow a depression diagnosis; of these 4574 were
244 not depressed. The response to follow-up was 70% at 6 months and 66% at 12 months. The analysis of
245 variables associated with non-response has been described elsewhere.³⁹ In brief, Province and socio-
246 demographic factors were strong predictors of loss to follow-up: those who did not respond were
247 younger, had a lower level of education and income, and were more often male, single, born outside
248 Spain, and less often students than those who responded. Major depression and anxiety had no effect
249 but other psychosocial factors predicted attrition.³⁹

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251 In the 6 countries (apart from Spain) that had participated in PredictD, 8567 people took part and their
252 responses to recruitment were, in decreasing order: Chile (97%), Estonia (80%), Slovenia (80%),
253 Portugal (76%), Netherlands (45%) and the UK (44%). In Chile, 2133 participants who were not
254 depressed started the follow-up and 5184 in the 5 other European countries; the respective response to

255 follow-up at 6 and 12 months was 89% and 82%, and 91% and 88%.⁴ The sociodemographic
256 differences between countries are shown in Table 1.

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258 The cumulative 12 months' incidence of *DSM-IV* major depression was 11.5% in Spain, varying
259 between provinces: Las Palmas 17.5%, Malaga 15.2%, Granada 14.9%, Majorca 14%, Zaragoza 7.9%,
260 Madrid 7.2% and La Rioja 5.6%. The incidence in the other countries was: UK 8.8%, Slovenia 4.2%,
261 Portugal 8.5%, Netherlands 5.4%, Estonia 5.9%, and Chile 11.6%.³

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263 Missing information in Spanish data was less than 1% for most risk factors; exceptions were ethnicity
264 (2.9%), suicide in brothers or sisters (3.30%), and sexual or emotional relationship with a spouse or
265 partner (18.3%).

266 The results of reliability analyses have been reported elsewhere.⁹ They were good or excellent for
267 practically all the questionnaires and items. However, in Spain the questions on the use of any
268 recreational drugs over the previous 6 months were removed due to poor reliability.⁹

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270 Development of the Spanish model

271 Eight variables were retained at $p < 0.05$ (Table 2), and one more (physical child abuse) was included at
272 $p = 0.085$ because coefficients changed more than 10% when this was removed. The interaction age*sex
273 was also included in the final equation because the likelihood ratio test was significant ($\chi^2 = 4.03$; 1df;
274 $p = 0.0447$). Interaction between sex and each of the remaining risk factors in the model was not
275 significant at $p \leq 0.10$. Nor were interactions between age and the other variables in the model
276 significant. Nonlinear transformation of continuous variables did not significantly improve the model fit.
277 Six variables were patient characteristics or past events (sex, age, sex*age interaction, education,
278 physical child abuse and lifetime depression) and six were current status (Short-Form-12-physical-

279 health-subscale-score, Short-Form-12-mental-health-subscale-score, dissatisfaction with unpaid work,
280 number of serious problems in very close persons, dissatisfaction with living together at home, and
281 taking medication for stress, anxiety or depression); and one concerned Spanish province. The random
282 component (health center) was also significant even after including all variables of the fixed component
283 in the regression models; these coefficients were 0.390 (SE=0.085; $p<0.0001$) and 0.469 (SE=0.101;
284 $p<0.0001$) for the models with and without province, respectively. The model derived in participants with
285 complete data (N=2544) and the model derived in the ten imputed datasets (N=2787) were very similar,
286 except for the variables set “age, sex, and age*sex interaction” that was more significant in the model
287 with complete data (Annex 1); nevertheless, there were more differences between the model derived in
288 the ten imputed datasets and the same weighted for the inverse probability of remaining in the follow-up
289 to 12 months (Annex 1).

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291 Internal validation

292 The average C-index in data sets for predicted probability of depression at 6 or 12 months was 0.82
293 (95% CI, 0.79-0.84). The average effect size in data sets (Hedge’s g) was 1.35 (95% CI, 1.21-1.48). The
294 calibration plot is shown in Figure 2. The predicted probability of depression at 0.113 was associated
295 with estimates of sensitivity, specificity and likelihood ratio (+) of 72.8%, 72.6%, and 2.67, respectively.
296 Examples of the kinds of participants scoring at increasing levels of predicted probability of depression
297 are shown in Annex 2. Predicted probability of major depression over 12 months can be calculated
298 through the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm at <http://www.rediapp.org/predict.php>

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301 External validation

302 The Copas shrinkage factor for the Spanish model was 0.873 including the province and 0.872 without
303 the province. The shrunk regression coefficients are shown in Table 2. The C-index ranged from 0.70 in

304 Chile to 0.83 in The Netherlands and the Hedge's g from 0.77 in Chile to 1.50 in The Netherlands
305 (Table 3). Calibration plots of the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm in Chile and the other European
306 countries are shown in Figure 2. The predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm slightly overestimated each decile
307 risk score in Estonia and Slovenia, with the gap increasing as the risk score rose; in The Netherlands,
308 the 6th to 8th deciles were overestimated and in Portugal the 8th to 10th; in the UK the 6th to 9th deciles
309 were underestimated and in Chile the 3rd to 5th; in Europe (without Spain) the predictD-Spain-risk-
310 algorithm slightly overestimated the 6th and 8th to 10th deciles.

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312 When we applied the predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm to the Spanish data (i.e. excluding the sample
313 recruited from Malaga): the C-index was 0.78 (95% CI, 0.73-0.83) and the Hedge's g 1.14 (95% CI,
314 0.98-1.31) (Table 3); the test for the C-index difference between the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm and
315 predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm was significant (difference=0.0316; 95%CI=0.0121-0.0530; $Z_{exp}=3.10$;
316 $p<0.0022$); the IDI was 0.0461 (SE=0.0095; $Z_{exp}=4.84$; $p<0.0001$) due to the increase of sensitivity
317 (0.2710 vs. 0.2463; $Z_{exp}=2.62$; $p<0.0087$) and the decrease of "1-specificity" (0.09104 vs. 0.1124;
318 $Z_{exp}=14.86$; $p<0.0001$). Calibration plots comparing the predictD-Europe-risk-algorithm and predictD-
319 Spain-risk-algorithm in Spanish data are shown in Figure 2.

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323 DISCUSSION

324 We have developed a risk score for the development of major depression over 12 months in 2787
325 general practice attendees in Spain and externally validated in the data from Chile and 5 other
326 European countries. Six risk factors concerned personal characteristics or past events and another six
327 current status that might be open to change. The discriminative power and calibration of the predictD-
328 Spain-risk-algorithm were high when applied to Spanish populations but lower when applied to data
329 from 6 external populations. The predictD-Europe algorithm performed well in the new Spanish data
330 with a C-index very close to that found during its development.³ Nevertheless, the predictD-Spain-risk-

331 algorithm, which includes new variables and removes others, is more accurate than the predictD-
332 Europe-risk-algorithm in prediction of the onset of major depression in Spain.

333 We recruited a systematic random sample of primary care attendees and we used a criterion of
334 stratification to include urban and rural health centers in each province and included provinces from
335 different geographical areas in both mainland Spain (north, central and south) and the Spanish islands.
336 Although we did not select health centers randomly and our sample could under-represent patients who
337 attend very infrequently,⁴⁷ the study population is likely to be fairly representative of primary care
338 attendees in Spain. If the predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm is applied in a different country, or a province
339 other than 1 of the 7 participating provinces, we recommend using the shrunk coefficients of the model
340 without province (Table 2).

341 We used multilevel regression because of the hierarchical structure of the data. In these cases, this
342 approach improves the accuracy of estimates of coefficients and standard errors.³⁸ Our large sample
343 size and the number of events (major depression) per variable included in the model (>29) contributed
344 to reducing the risk of selecting unimportant variables and failing to include important ones.⁴⁸ The
345 multiple imputation strategy allowed us to gain statistical power and to avoid potentially biased
346 estimates obtained from a reduced complete-case dataset.³⁵ There were important differences between
347 the Spanish models with and without inverse probability weighting, indicating that loss to follow-up might
348 lead to selection bias and suggesting that this strategy could provide unbiased estimates of coefficients,
349 even in the presence of selection bias.⁴⁰ We think follow-up at 12 months is appropriate for the
350 prediction of the onset of depression in primary care because this is sufficient time to develop major
351 depression (11.5% of incident cases). Furthermore, doctors and patients may be more motivated to
352 undertake interventions and behavioral changes when depression is likely to happen sooner rather than
353 later.

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355 In our study we considered a large number of known risk factors for depression, using either validated
356 measures or validating them when necessary.⁹ The reliability of the questionnaires was high.^{2,9} We
357 evaluated the performance of our model on external datasets in large samples of patients from different
358 cultures and countries, and corrected for over-fitting using shrinkage factors applied to the regression
359 coefficients.

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361 The predictD-Europe and predictD-Spain algorithms share many risk factors in common; however, the
362 new risk factors included in the Spanish equation improved its results for prediction in that country.
363 "*Dissatisfaction with living together at home*" and "*Number of serious problems in very close persons*"
364 are risk factors consistent with the geography of family systems; the center and northern part of Europe,
365 together with North American society, have been characterized by relatively weak family links, whereas
366 the Mediterranean region has strong family ties.⁴⁹ Spain belongs to the regions where the family group
367 has traditionally had priority over the individual. Moreover, the association between marital discord,
368 family dysfunction and depression is well known.⁵⁰ The inclusion of "*Dissatisfaction with unpaid work*"
369 instead of "*difficulties in paid and unpaid work*" may be due to different ways of measuring these
370 variables. We used two scales in Spain, one for unpaid work and another for paid work, with 7 items
371 each that were valid and reliable,⁹ whereas in the predictD-Europe study two items were used to
372 summarize both dimensions together. When we included these 2 items in the predictD-Spain model
373 instead of work scales, it was not significant. However, we cannot rule out the influence of other factors,
374 such as a higher participation of Spanish women in domestic work as compared with other European
375 regions.⁵¹ Although relationships between "*Physical childhood abuse*" and depression are well
376 documented,⁵² they are complex, vary between countries, and have cross-cultural differences.⁵³ Finally,
377 the variable "*Taking medication for anxiety, depression or stress*" might be associated with patients who
378 have suffered previous depressive episodes and were still taking antidepressants. However, the
379 question is phrased with such view that it might also include those taking anxiolytics, often in an

380 inadequate way, for anxiety comorbidity or even just taking medicines (vitamins, placebos, etc.) for other
381 minor emotional problems. A hypothesis might be that these patients share coping styles such as
382 “Health External Locus” with a tendency to ask their doctors for more psychotropic drugs for emotional
383 problems encountered in everyday life.⁵⁴ Spain is also among those European countries that have a
384 higher use of psychotropic drugs.⁵⁵

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386 Our predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm could help physicians with decisions by providing more objective
387 estimates of probability, as a supplement to other relevant clinical information; perhaps in a similar
388 manner to the way cardiovascular risk scores are used to determine the indication for cholesterol
389 lowering. However, trials are needed using our predictD-Spain-risk-algorithm to test different strategies
390 of primary prevention of major depression. Impact studies are also needed to quantify the effect of using
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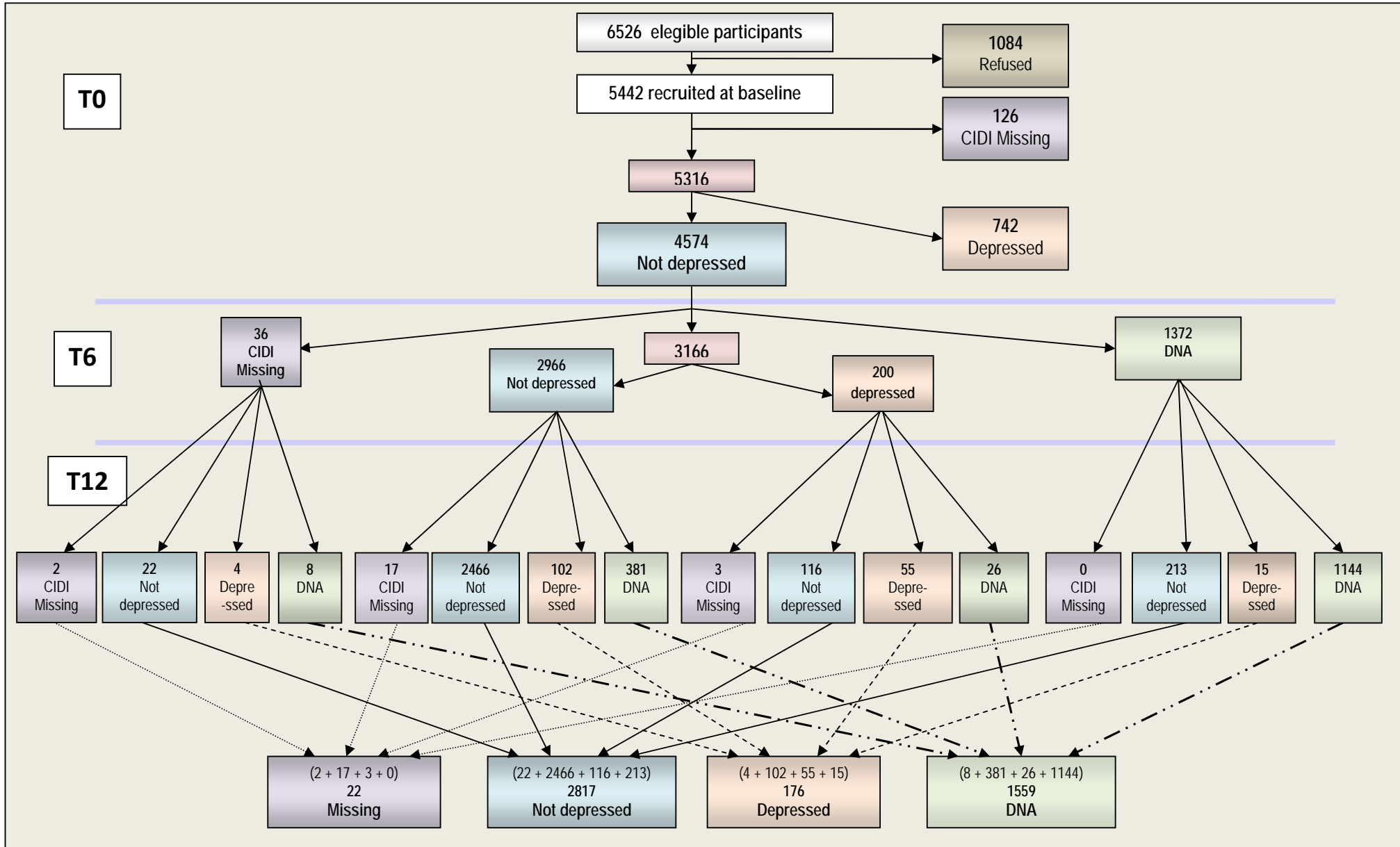
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Figure 1: Flow of patients through the predictD-Spain study and numbers becoming depressed.



CIDI: Composite International Diagnostic Interview; DNA: did not attend. T0, T6 and T12: baseline, 6 and 12 months interview

Table 1: Demographic characteristics and response to follow-up of not depressed participants at baseline.

| Characteristic N(%) | Spain | Malaga | Granada | Zaragoza | Madrid | La Rioja | Balearic Isles | Las Palmas | Other European Countries | United Kingdom | Slovenia | Portugal | The Netherlands | Estonia | Chile |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Not depressed participants | 4574(100) | 1030(22.5) | 609(13.3) | 660(14.4) | 647(14.1) | 680(14.9) | 633(13.8) | 315(6.9) | 5184(100) | 1131(21.8) | 1048(20.2) | 1005(19.4) | 1077(20.8) | 923(17.8) | 2133 |
| Age,yrs, mean (SD) | 49.2(15.8) | 49.9(15.5) | 50.3(16.7) | 47.3(15.4) | 50.6(15.8) | 49.5(15.8) | 49.9(15.7) | 43.5(14.5) | 48.3(15.5) | 52.2(14.7) | 48.8(14.5) | 50.2(15.4) | 48.9(14.9) | 41.6(16.0) | 47(15.7) |
| Female | 3020(66) | 704(68.3) | 424(69.6) | 399(69.6) | 432(66.8) | 431(63.4) | 413(65.2) | 217(68.9) | 3392(65.3) | 750(66.3) | 660(63) | 649(64.6) | 668(62) | 665(72) | 1522(71.4) |
| Marital Status | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married or living together | 3030(66.2) | 725(70.4) | 408(67) | 443(67.1) | 440(68) | 447(65.7) | 397(62.7) | 170(54.0) | 3783(73) | 844(74.6) | 732(69.9) | 750(74.6) | 827(76.8) | 630(68.3) | 1228(57.6) |
| Separated or divorced | 279(6.1) | 51(4.9) | 29(4.8) | 27(4.1) | 42(6.5) | 36(5.3) | 54(8.5) | 40(12.7) | 372(7.2) | 100(8.8) | 56(5.3) | 69(6.9) | 64(5.9) | 83(9) | 179(8.4) |
| Single | 955(20.9) | 186(18.1) | 113(18.6) | 160(24.2) | 126(19.5) | 45(6.6) | 129(20.4) | 89(28.3) | 691(13.3) | 121(10.7) | 152(14.5) | 132(13.1) | 121(11.2) | 165(17.9) | 521(24.4) |
| Widowed | 308(6.7) | 68(6.6) | 57(9.4) | 30(4.5) | 39(6) | 152(22.4) | 53(8.4) | 16(5.1) | 316(6.1) | 65(5.8) | 105(10) | 53(5.3) | 48(4.5) | 45(4.9) | 205(9.6) |
| Missing | 2(0.1) | 0 | 2(0.3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22(0.4) | 1(0.1) | 3(0.3) | 1(0.1) | 17(1.6) | 0 | 0 |
| Household Status | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not living alone | 4208(92.0) | 971(94.3) | 555(91.1) | 615(93.2) | 594(91.8) | 616(90.6) | 560(88.5) | 297(94.3) | 4535(87.5) | 981(86.7) | 915(87.3) | 929(92.4) | 894(83) | 816(88.4) | 2039(95.6) |
| Living alone | 366(8.0) | 59(5.7) | 54(8.9) | 45(6.8) | 53(8.2) | 64(9.4) | 73(11.5) | 18(5.7) | 649(12.5) | 150(13.3) | 133(12.7) | 76(7.6) | 183(17) | 107(11.6) | 94(4.4) |
| Missing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Education | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Higher education | 552(12.1) | 141(13.7) | 75(12.3) | 93(14.1) | 59(9.1) | 112(16.5) | 33(5.2) | 39(12.4) | 1744(33.6) | 448(39.6) | 181(17.3) | 129(12.8) | 458(42.5) | 528(57.2) | 75(3.5) |
| Secondary | 964(21.1) | 220(21.4) | 103(16.9) | 173(26.1) | 149(23.0) | 140(20.6) | 103(16.3) | 76(24.1) | 1823(35.2) | 465(41.1) | 385(36.7) | 182(18.1) | 508(47.2) | 283(30.7) | 791(37.1) |
| Primary/no education | 2145(46.9) | 424(41.2) | 227(37.3) | 319(48.3) | 265(41.0) | 382(56.2) | 385(60.8) | 143(45.4) | 1111(21.4) | 25(2.2) | 235(22.4) | 662(65.9) | 78(7.2) | 111(12) | 998(46.8) |
| Trade/other | 910(19.9) | 245(23.8) | 202(33.2) | 75(11.4) | 174(26.9) | 45(6.6) | 112(17.7) | 57(18.1) | 451(8.7) | 171(15.1) | 247(23.6) | 32(3.2) | 0 | 1(0.1) | 265(12.5) |
| Missing | 3(0.1) | 0 | 2(0.3) | 0 | 0 | 1(0.1) | 0 | 0 | 55(1.1) | 22(1.9) | 0 | 0 | 33(3.1) | 0 | 2(0.1) |
| Employment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed/full-time student | 2045(44.8) | 359(34.9) | 230(37.8) | 363(55) | 308(47.6) | 353(51.9) | 246(38.9) | 186(59) | 2907(56.1) | 574(50.8) | 563(53.7) | 486(48.4) | 602(55.9) | 682(73.9) | 749(35.1) |
| Unemployed | 291(6.4) | 64(6.2) | 47(7.7) | 36(5.5) | 26(4) | 43(6.3) | 41(6.5) | 34(10.8) | 238(4.6) | 21(1.9) | 53(5.1) | 108(10.7) | 35(3.2) | 21(2.3) | 243(11.4) |
| Unable to work | 315(6.9) | 102(9.9) | 42(6.9) | 15(2.3) | 29(4.5) | 4(0.6) | 110(17.4) | 13(4.1) | 221(4.3) | 86(7.6) | 16(1.5) | 38(3.8) | 48(4.5) | 33(3.6) | 69(3.2) |
| Retired/looking after family | 1906(41.7) | 500(48.5) | 288(47.3) | 244(37) | 281(43.4) | 279(41.1) | 235(37.1) | 79(25.1) | 1776(34.2) | 450(39.8) | 409(39) | 372(37) | 358(33.2) | 187(20.3) | 1072(50.3) |
| Missing | 17(0.2) | 5(0.5) | 2(0.3) | 2(0.2) | 3(0.5) | 1(0.1) | 1(0.2) | 3(1) | 42(0.8) | 0 | 7(0.7) | 1(0.1) | 34(3.2) | 0 | 0 |
| Born in country of residence | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yes | 4327(94.6) | 977(94.9) | 594(97.5) | 632(95.8) | 607(93.8) | 648(95.3) | 586(92.6) | 283(89.8) | 4700(90.7) | 1054(93.2) | 834(79.6) | 973(96.8) | 997(92.6) | 842(91.2) | 2122(99.5) |
| Missing | 20(0.4) | 0 | 2(0.3) | 1(0.2) | 5(0.8) | 0 | 7(1.1) | 5(1.6) | 84(1.6) | 3(0.3) | 4(0.4) | 0 | 24(2.2) | 53(5.7) | 4(0.2) |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White European | 4371(95.6) | 1017(98.7) | 595(97.7) | 551(83.5) | 631(97.5) | 647(95.1) | 617(97.5) | 313(99.4) | 4994(96.2) | 1055(93.3) | 1042(99.4) | 992(98.7) | 983(91.3) | 922(99.9) | 0 |
| Missing | 131(2.9) | 1(0.1) | 6(1.0) | 104(15.8) | 1(0.2) | 14(2.1) | 5(0.8) | 0 | 71(1.4) | 39(3.4) | 2(0.2) | 0 | 30(2.8) | 0 | 0 |
| 6-months response | 3202(70.0) | 810(78.6) | 465(76.4) | 520(78.8) | 403(62.3) | 468(68.8) | 334(52.8) | 202(64.1) | 4744(91.4) | 987(87.3) | 963(91.9) | 889(88.5) | 1035(96.1) | 870(94.3) | 1904(89.3) |
| 12-months response | 3014(66.0) | 743(72.1) | 434(71.3) | 448(67.9) | 403(62.3) | 507(74.6) | 295(46.6) | 184(58.4) | 4588(88.5) | 965(85.3) | 927(88.5) | 864(86) | 988(91.7) | 844(91.4) | 1748(82) |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| Dissatisfaction with unpaid work scale (Possible range 3-22) | Satisfied (range 3-7) | | | | | | | | |
| | Dissatisfied (range 8-12) | - 0.029 | - 0.025 | 0.237 | 0.902 | - 0.038 | - 0.033 | 0.240 | 0.873 |
| | Very dissatisfied (range 13-22) | 0.472 | 0.412 | 0.235 | 0.045 | 0.480 | 0.419 | 0.234 | 0.040 |
| Number of serious problems in very close persons. (Alcohol-drugs, psychological, physical, or disability) | None | | | | | | | | |
| | One | 0.049 | 0.042 | 0.179 | 0.786 | 0.041 | 0.036 | 0.179 | 0.820 |
| | Two | 0.451 | 0.394 | 0.166 | 0.007 | 0.435 | 0.380 | 0.161 | 0.007 |
| | Three | 0.824 | 0.719 | 0.288 | 0.004 | 0.824 | 0.718 | 0.293 | 0.005 |
| | Four | 0.766 | 0.669 | 0.639 | 0.231 | 0.769 | 0.670 | 0.644 | 0.233 |
| Satisfied with living together at home | Very satisfied | | | | | | | | |
| | Fairly satisfied | 0.091 | 0.080 | 0.213 | 0.668 | 0.077 | 0.067 | 0.213 | 0.716 |
| | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | - 0.256 | - 0.224 | 0.262 | 0.328 | - 0.270 | - 0.235 | 0.267 | 0.312 |
| | Fairly dissatisfied | 0.892 | 0.780 | 0.333 | 0.008 | 0.926 | 0.807 | 0.332 | 0.005 |
| | Very dissatisfied | 0.479 | 0.418 | 0.545 | 0.380 | 0.473 | 0.412 | 0.540 | 0.381 |
| Physical Health (SF-12) <i>Possible range 0-100</i> | Each point on SF12 subscale score. | - 0.034 | - 0.030 | 0.009 | <0.001 | - 0.035 | - 0.030 | 0.009 | <0.001 |
| Mental Health (SF-12) <i>Possible range 0-100</i> | Each point on SF12 subscale score. | - 0.055 | - 0.048 | 0.005 | <0.001 | - 0.055 | - 0.048 | 0.005 | <0.001 |

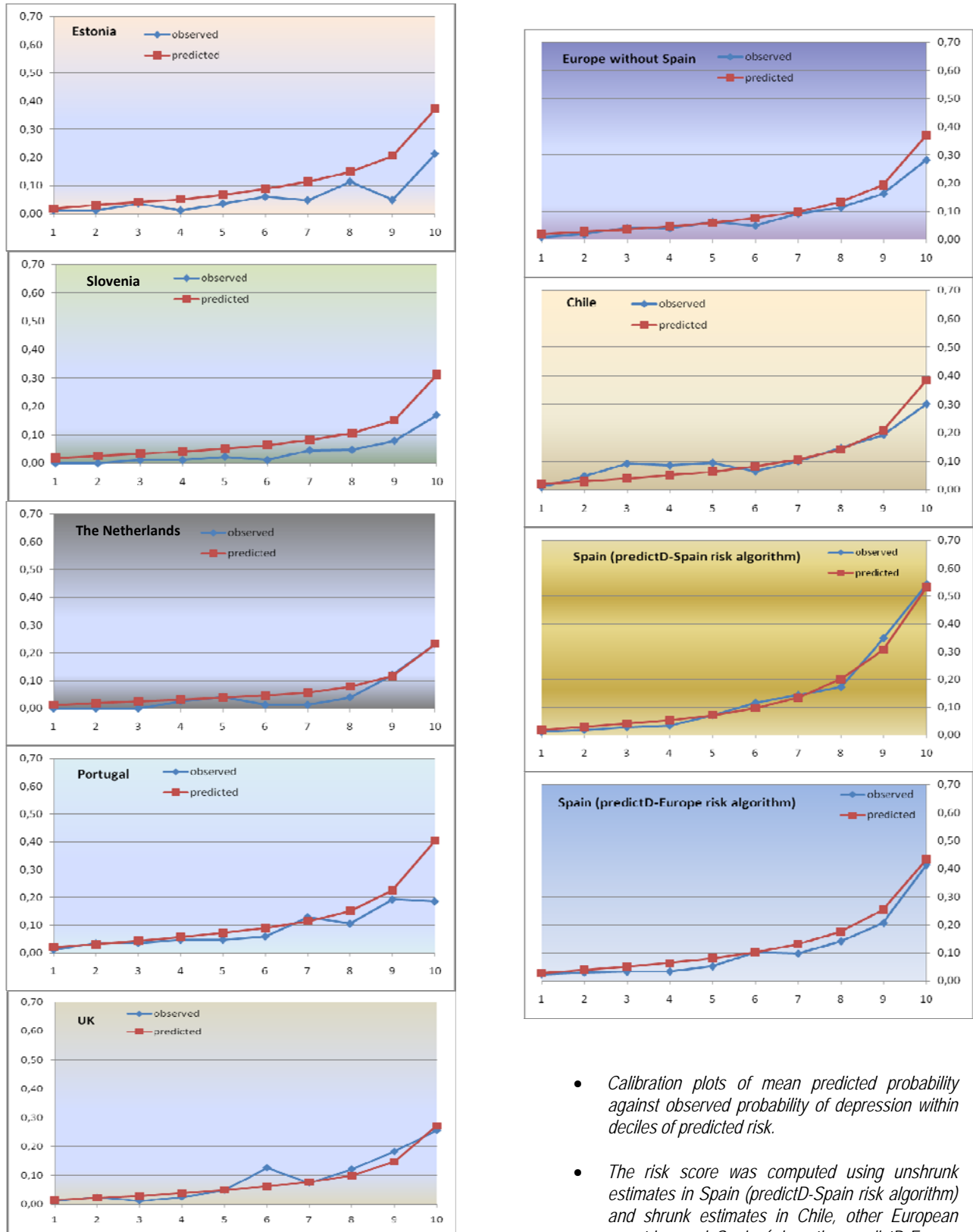
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Table 3: C-Index Statistic and Effect Sizes Computed Using Hedge's g.

| Country (N) | ¹ Spanish predictD risk algorithm | | ² European predictD risk algorithm | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | [®] C- Index (95% CI) | [®] Hedge's g (95% CI) | [®] C- Index (95% CI) | [®] Hedge's g (95% CI) |
| Spain (2787) | 0.82 (0.79 – 0.84) | 1.35 (1.21 – 1.48) | 0.78 (0.75 – 0.81) | 1.15 (1.02 – 1.29) |
| Spain without Málaga (2045) | 0.82 (0.77 – 0.86) | 1.36 (1.19 – 1.54) | 0.78 (0.73 – 0.83) | 1.14 (0.98 – 1.31) |
| Chile (1844) | 0.70 (0.66 – 0.74) | 0.77 (0.61 – 0.93) | 0.71 (0.67 – 0.74) | 0.85 (0.68 – 1.02) |
| United Kingdom (811) | 0.76 (0.71 – 0.82) | 1.02 (0.76 – 1.28) | 0.76 (0.70 – 0.81) | 1.02 (0.78 – 1.27) |
| Slovenia (866) | 0.82 (0.75 – 0.88) | 1.38 (0.98 – 1.78) | 0.83 (0.77 – 0.89) | 1.40 (1.06 – 1.75) |
| Portugal (844) | 0.71 (0.65 – 0.77) | 0.78 (0.54 – 1.03) | 0.75 (0.69 – 0.80) | 0.99 (0.73 – 1.25) |
| The Netherlands (731) | 0.83 (0.77 – 0.90) | 1.50 (1.09 – 1.92) | 0.85 (0.80 – 0.90) | 1.55 (1.25 – 1.85) |
| Estonia (823) | 0.73 (0.66 – 0.80) | 0.91 (0.58 – 1.23) | 0.76 (0.69 – 0.83) | 1.09 (0.76 – 1.42) |
| [#] Europe without Spain (4075) | 0.76 (0.74 – 0.79) | 1.04 (0.90 – 1.17) | 0.79 (0.77- 0.82) | 1.19 (1.05 – 1.32) |

¹The risk score was computed using unshrunk estimates in Spain and shrunk estimates in Chile and other European countries. ²The risk score was computed using shrunk estimates in Spain, Chile and other European countries. [®]Average C-Index and Hedge's g over 10 imputed data sets. [#] UK + Slovenia + Portugal + The Netherlands + Estonia.

Figure 2: Calibration plots of the predictD-Spain risk algorithm in other countries and itself.



- Calibration plots of mean predicted probability against observed probability of depression within deciles of predicted risk.
- The risk score was computed using unshrunk estimates in Spain (predictD-Spain risk algorithm) and shrunk estimates in Chile, other European countries and Spain (when the predictD-Europe risk algorithm was applied).

Annex 1: Sensitivity analysis of predictD-Spain risk algorithm. (WEB ONLY)

| Prognostic Factors | Levels in factor | Coefficient ¹ | SE | Coefficient ² | SE | Coefficient ³ | SE |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Constant | | 1.763 ^c | 0.610 | 1.724 ^c | 0.591 | 1.948 ^b | 0.764 |
| Province | Malaga | 0.195 | 0.243 | 0.212 | 0.242 | 0.276 | 0.299 |
| | Granada | 0.614 | 0.291 | 0.034 | 0.274 | 0.166 | 0.321 |
| | Zaragoza | - 0.642 ^b | 0.291 | - 0.652 ^b | 0.292 | - 0.377 | 0.362 |
| | Madrid | - 0.378 | 0.317 | - 0.289 | 0.300 | - 0.329 | 0.398 |
| | La Rioja | 0.053 | 0.283 | 0.107 | 0.281 | 0.337 | 0.263 |
| | Balearic Isles | 0.230 | 0.329 | 0.324 | 0.318 | 0.308 | 0.191 |
| | Las Palmas | | | | | | |
| Age | Each year | - 0.027 ^d | 0.006 | - 0.026 ^d | 0.006 | - 0.032 ^d | 0.008 |
| Sex | Female | | | | | | |
| | Male | - 1.724 ^c | 0.642 | - 1.081 ^a | 0.568 | - 1.128 | 0.752 |
| Sex*Age interaction | Each year | 0.031 ^c | 0.012 | 0.020 ^a | 0.011 | 0.022 | 0.014 |
| Education | Beyond secondary education | 0.377 | 0.281 | 0.297 | 0.263 | 0.580 ^a | 0.304 |
| | Secondary education | 0.580 ^b | 0.259 | 0.461 ^a | 0.242 | 0.839 ^c | 0.285 |
| | Primary education | 1.110 ^d | 0.293 | 0.981 ^d | 0.278 | 1.490 ^d | 0.369 |
| | Incomplete primary education or illiterate | | | | | | |
| Physical Childhood Abuse | Never | 0.633 | 0.440 | 0.616 | 0.414 | 0.470 | 0.465 |
| | Seldom | 0.570 ^a | 0.321 | 0.466 | 0.311 | 0.320 | 0.300 |
| | Sometimes | 0.625 | 0.577 | 0.932 ^a | 0.517 | 0.818 ^a | 0.474 |
| | Often | 0.359 | 0.408 | 0.273 | 0.398 | 0.106 | 0.459 |
| | Frequently | | | | | | |
| Lifetime depression | No | | | | | | |
| | Yes | 0.716 ^d | 0.151 | 0.732 ^d | 0.146 | 0.682 ^c | 0.199 |
| Taking medication for anxiety, depression or stress | No | | | | | | |
| | Yes | 0.553 ^d | 0.158 | 0.590 ^d | 0.153 | 0.480 ^c | 0.151 |
| Dissatisfaction with unpaid work scale (Possible range 3-22) | Satisfied (3-7) | 0.212 | 0.165 | 0.185 | 0.162 | - 0.029 | 0.237 |
| | Dissatisfied (8-12) | 0.566 ^b | 0.241 | 0.603 ^b | 0.199 | 0.472 ^b | 0.235 |
| | Very dissatisfied (13-22) | | | | | | |
| Number of serious problems in very close persons. (Alcohol-drugs, psychological, physical, or disability) | None | 0.128 | 0.168 | 0.159 | 0.162 | 0.049 | 0.179 |
| | One | 0.497 ^b | 0.205 | 0.580 ^c | 0.199 | 0.451 ^c | 0.166 |
| | Two | 0.647 ^b | 0.293 | 0.680 ^b | 0.278 | 0.824 ^c | 0.288 |
| | Three | 0.196 | 0.560 | 0.441 | 0.522 | 0.766 | 0.639 |
| | Four | | | | | | |
| Satisfied with living together at home | Very satisfied | 0.072 | 0.162 | 0.070 | 0.160 | 0.091 | 0.213 |
| | Fairly satisfied | - 0.314 | 0.229 | - 0.217 | 0.221 | - 0.256 | 0.262 |
| | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 0.636 ^b | 0.321 | 0.631 ^b | 0.306 | 0.892 ^c | 0.333 |
| | Fairly dissatisfied | 0.269 | 0.475 | 0.438 | 0.462 | 0.479 | 0.545 |
| | Very dissatisfied | | | | | | |
| Physical Health (SF-12) [@] | Each point on SF12 subscale score. | - 0.036 ^d | 0.006 | - 0.035 ^d | 0.006 | - 0.034 ^d | 0.009 |
| Mental Health (SF-12) [@] | Each point on SF12 subscale score. | - 0.050 ^d | 0.007 | - 0.052 ^d | 0.006 | - 0.055 ^d | 0.005 |
| Random component (Health Center) | | 0.248 ^a | 0.124 | 0.253 ^b | 0.113 | 0.390 ^d | 0.085 |

¹Model derived in participants with complete data (N = 2544); ²Model derived in ten imputed datasets (N = 2787); ³Model derived in ten imputed datasets weighting for the inverse probability of remaining in the follow-up to 12 months (N = 2787). ^a p<0.10; ^b p<0.05; ^c p<0.01; ^d p<0.001. [@] Possible range 0-100

Annex 2: Box Examples of a range of predicted probabilities of depression at baseline. (WEB ONLY)

- **Case 1: Risk score (predicted probability of depression) at baseline 1.4%**
 A man of 47 years living in Granada
 Education beyond high school
 No personal history of depression
 Never suffered physical childhood abuse
 Does not take medication for anxiety, depression or stress
 *SF 12 mental score 62
 *SF12 physical scale score 44
 No serious problems in very close persons
 Satisfied with unpaid work
 Very satisfied with living together at home
- **Case 2: Risk score 8.5% (3.1%)**
 A man of 55 years living in Zaragoza
 Secondary education
 No personal history of depression
 Never suffered physical childhood abuse
 Does not take medication for anxiety, depression or stress
 SF 12 mental score 30
 SF12 physical scale score 56
 One serious problem in very close persons
 Satisfied with unpaid work
 Fairly satisfied with living together at home
- **Case 3: Risk score 24.4% (12.5%)¹**
 A woman of 60 years living in Las Palmas
 Primary education
 No personal history of depression
 Never suffered physical childhood abuse
 Does not take medication for anxiety, depression or stress
 SF12 mental score 40.6
 SF12 physical scale score 29.7
 One serious problem in very close persons
 Dissatisfied with unpaid work
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with living together at home
- **Case 4: Risk score 39.3% (11.4%)**
 A woman of 62 years living in Balearic Isles
 Primary education
 Sometimes suffered physical childhood abuse
 No personal history of depression
 Taking medication for anxiety, depression or stress
 SF12 mental score 45.6
 SF12 physical scale score 52.8
 Two serious problems in very close persons
 Very dissatisfied with unpaid work
 Fairly dissatisfied with living together at home
- **Case 5: Risk score 93.5% (18.4%)²**
 A woman of 45 years living in Malaga
 Incomplete primary education
 Often suffered physical childhood abuse
 Personal history of depression
 Taking medication for anxiety, depression or stress
 SF12 mental score 29.2
 SF12 physical scale score 25.7
 Three serious problems in very close persons
 Very dissatisfied with unpaid work
 Very dissatisfied with living together at home

Mean (SD) Short Form 12 (SF-12) mental and physical subscale scores for Spain were 47.1 (12.4) and 43.8 (11.4), respectively. High scores indicate good health/well-being. Scores in parentheses correspond to eliminating dissatisfaction with unpaid work and living together at home, perception of serious problems in close persons and correcting SF-12 physical and mental health scores to the Spanish mean. ¹Perception of serious problems in close persons did not change; ²fairly dissatisfied with living together at home changed to neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and stopped taking medication for anxiety, depression or stress.

