

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW



The impact of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions on physical health outcomes in people with mood disorders across the lifespan: An umbrella review of the evidence from randomised controlled trials

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OBJECTIVE: People with mood disorders have increased risk of comorbid medical diseases versus the general population. It is paramount to identify interventions to improve physical health in this population.

METHODS: Umbrella review of meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) on pharmacological/non-pharmacological interventions for physical health outcomes/intolerability-related discontinuation in mood disorders (any age).

RESULTS: Ninety-seven meta-analyses were included. Among youths, against placebo, in depression, antidepressants/antipsychotics had higher discontinuation rates; in bipolar depression, olanzapine+fluoxetine worsened total cholesterol (TC)/triglycerides/weight gain (WG) (large ES). In adults with bipolar disorder, olanzapine worsened HbA1c/TC/WG (moderate/large ES); asenapine increased fasting glucose (small ES); quetiapine/cariprazine/risperidone induced WG (small/moderate ES). In bipolar depression, lurasidone was metabolically neutral. In depression, psychological interventions improved physical health-related quality of life (PHQoL) (small ES), fasting glucose/HbA1c (medium/large ES); SSRIs improved fasting glucose/HbA1c, readmission for coronary disease, pain (small ES); quetiapine/aripiprazole/olanzapine induced WG (small to large ES). Exercise improved cardiorespiratory fitness (moderate ES). In the elderly, fluoxetine yielded more detrimental cardiovascular effects than sertraline/escitalopram (large ES); antidepressants were neutral on exercise tolerance and PHQoL. In mixed age groups, in bipolar disorder aripiprazole was metabolically neutral; in depression, SSRIs lowered blood pressure versus placebo and serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (small ES); brexpiprazole augmentation caused WG and was less tolerated (small ES); exercise improved PHQoL (moderate ES).

CONCLUSIONS: Some interventions (psychological therapies, exercise and SSRIs) improve certain physical health outcomes in mood disorders, few are neutral, but various pharmacological interventions are associated with negative effects. Evidence from this umbrella review has limitations, should consider evidence from other disorders and should be integrated with recent evidence from individual RCTs, and observational evidence. Effective treatments with either beneficial or physically neutral profiles should be prioritized.

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INTRODUCTION

Depressive disorders and bipolar disorders (BD) are the leading source of disability worldwide. They are also associated with psychosocial dysfunction, high societal costs [1–3] (e.g. 65% of people with BD are unemployed [4]), and premature mortality compared to the general population [5, 6], largely due to medical comorbidities, including diabetes [7], metabolic syndrome [8] and cardiovascular diseases [9, 10]. For instance BD has an estimated reduction in life expectancy of 12–20 years for men and 11–17 years for women compared to the general population [11]. Ultimately, poor physical health is a major public health concern for people with mood disorders [12], since 96.3% of people with BD have at least one co-occurring medical condition [13]. Many possible pathways contribute to poor physical health among patients with mood disorders, including genetic vulnerability [14], environmental risk factors such as economic disadvantage [15] and loneliness [16], unhealthy lifestyle and adverse treatment effects [17]. People with mood disorders engage in less physical activity [18] and have a poorer quality diet, with increased sugar, high fat and carbohydrate intake [19]. Smoking [20] and other substance use disorders [21] are highly co-morbid in this population. Additionally, despite the evidence for the efficacy antidepressants, mood stabilizers and/or antipsychotics in the treatment of mood disorders, these agents may also expose patients to a higher risk of common side effects, such as weight gain and metabolic syndrome [22–24].

Given the described alarming association between mental and medical disorders, increased attention is being paid to metabolic and physical adverse effects of psychotropic medications, both during acute [22, 23, 25] and long-term management of these disorders [23, 26, 27]. However, there is also evidence for beneficial effects of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions on physical health outcomes in people with severe mental illness, for example schizophrenia and dementia [28, 29]. However, to the best of our knowledge, such evidence synthesis is missing in the context of mood disorders; hence, we sought to aggregate the existing top-tier evidence from the most recent/largest published (network) meta-analyses [(N)MAs] of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in people with mood disorders reporting on physical health outcomes and intolerability-related discontinuation, to determine the magnitude of efficacy of pharmacological and nonpharmacological interventions targeting physical health outcomes, also grading the quality of evidence which can inform on how much data from a given source can be trusted, in order to fill this gap.

METHODS

A systematic review of (N)MAs of RCTs was conducted (eTable 1–2) [30], following a pre-defined protocol (link available in eMethods). Two independent authors searched MEDLINE/PubMed, PsycINFO, from their respective inception dates up to January 28th, 2022 without language restrictions, for (N)MAs of RCTs reporting on any physical health outcome among people with mood disorders (search string available in eMethods). Manual search of references lists of included meta-analyses was also conducted.

Inclusion criteria were operationalized according to PICOS (population, interventions, comparisons, outcomes and setting/study design). Included were (N)MAs of RCTs in depressive disorders or BD, confirmed according to DSM or ICD criteria, or validated scales with cut-off, reporting on any physical health outcome or intolerability-related discontinuation, including the following:

- Any physical health markers, such as body weight, levels of glucose and lipid metabolism parameters, cardiovascular illness (e.g., myocardial infarction, stroke, TIA, pulmonary embolism, etc), respiratory illness (lung cancer, COPD, etc.).

- Parameters of physical fitness: maximal or peak oxygen uptake, muscle strength, etc.
- Any biomarkers investigated: Hba1c, c-reactive protein or other blood and serum markers.
- Physical health related quality of life.

No restriction was made regarding age, or control group (e.g., active comparison, placebo, treatment as usual/usual care, waiting list, no treatment). Age groups are categorized as youth if < 18 years old, adults 18–64, elderly ≥ 65 ; if multiple age groups are present, we extracted both data for single age groups and/or for mixed age groups, whichever present.

For each MA we extracted author, year, population of interest, age group, intervention, control, outcome, and effect size data (with 95% confidence intervals, CI) for all relevant outcomes, as well as the number of RCTs and participants for each effect size. We also extracted measures of heterogeneity, as reported by authors, and publication bias. For NMAs, we included only outcomes where at least 1 direct comparison was available.

Methodological quality of the included meta-analyses was measured with “A Measurement Tool to Assess Systematic Reviews” (AMSTAR) (range 0–11, with a score of 8 or higher indicating high quality) [31], complemented with six additional items previously developed that also measure the quality of included RCTs (AMSTAR-Plus Content, range 0–8) [32]. For NMAs we modified AMSTAR’s item 9 into “Did authors mention transitivity assumption, and inconsistency?” and AMSTAR-Content’s item 5 into “Did the NMA neglect/violate transitivity assumption, and were results affected by inconsistency?”, maintaining the same scoring [23]. We categorized quality into three levels, low/medium/high (L/M/H): AMSTAR-PLUS score was considered low when < 4, medium 4–7, high > 7; AMSTAR-Content score was classified low if < 4, medium 4–6, high > 6 [23]. Overall quality was determined by the lower of the two scores, as done before [33]. All phases of screening, extraction, and quality assessment were performed by two authors independently (GC, MS, MO, MAG, LC, GV), and conflicts resolved with consensus (GC, MS).

We reported data as directly extracted from the published meta-analyses. If necessary (i.e., non-standardized effect size, fixed effects model despite large heterogeneity as per $I^2 > 50\%$) and whenever sufficient data were provided, we converted results to standardized outcomes with Comprehensive MetaAnalysis (CMA, version 2 - meta-analysis.com). The quality scores (AMSTAR, AMSTAR-Plus-Content, AMSTAR-Plus Total score) and sample size were used in metaregression analyses if at least 10 studies provided data.

RESULTS

Search results

Of 3 847 articles, 11 NMAs and 86 MAs were included (Fig. 1), reporting on 69 pharmacological (47 monotherapies, 22 combinations), six non-pharmacological (three monotherapies, three combinations), and three combinations of pharmacological/non-pharmacological interventions. Overall, 40 different physical health outcomes, 3 combinations of physical health outcomes, and two global tolerability outcomes (any adverse event, intolerability-related discontinuation) were investigated. Control interventions included placebo, wait-list, no treatment, usual care, active pharmacological, active non-pharmacological interventions (eTable 3). Publications excluded after full-text assessment, with reason for exclusion are reported in eTable 4.

The number of trials for a specific health outcome ranged from 2–65 (median = 5, interquartile range = 3–12). Mean participant age across meta-analyses was 41.6 years, and 41.8% were male. Altogether, 8.2% of meta-analyses included youth, 76.5% adults, 3.1% elderly, and 12.2% mixed age groups. Overall, 63.3% (N)MAs

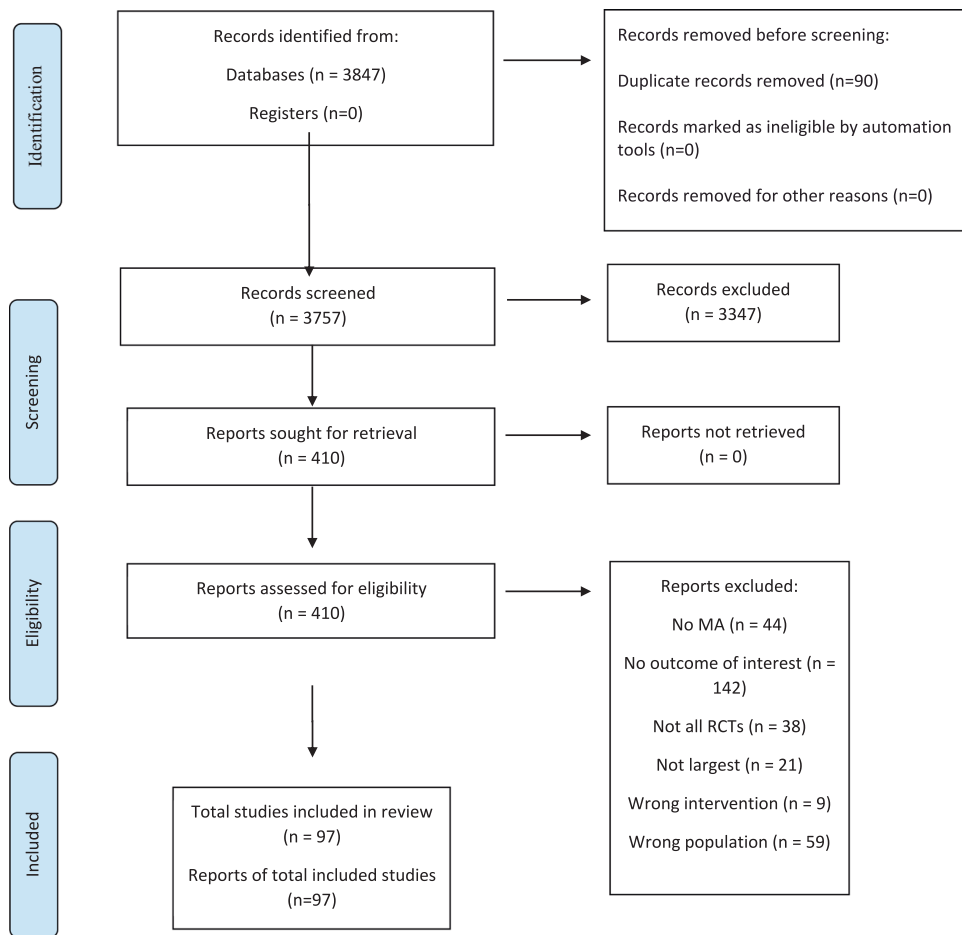


Fig. 1 PRISMA flow chart.

included depressive disorders (24.2% with comorbid medical conditions), 34.7% BD, and 2.0% both.

Dose of pharmacological interventions and frequency of non-pharmacological interventions were often not ascertainable and, when so, had wide ranges and varied across included (N)MAs. Mean trial duration was 15.1 weeks for pharmacological interventions, 21.1 weeks for non-pharmacological interventions, and 25.3 weeks for mixed pharmacological/non-pharmacological interventions. A mean trial duration longer than 12 weeks was present in 21.7%, 75%, and 83.3% of comparisons respectively. (eTable 5).

Quality assessment of the included meta-analyses and meta-regression analysis

AMSTAR/AMSTAR-Plus Content mean score was $7.8 \pm 2.2/3.8 \pm 1.7$ in the whole sample, $7.8 \pm 2.3/3.8 \pm 1.7$ in pharmacological intervention (N)MAs, $7.6 \pm 1.2/2.1 \pm 1.3$ in non-pharmacological intervention (N)MAs, and $7.8 \pm 1.9/3.8 \pm 1.3$ in mixed (N)MAs. Sixty-nine (70.4%) (N)MAs had an AMSTAR ≥ 8 , four (4.1%) had the maximum score (11). Three (N)MAs had the maximum AMSTAR-Plus Content (8). Also, subdividing the (N)MAs by the target of the intervention, namely intentionally directed to influence physical health outcomes versus iatrogenic effects of medications, in 13 out of 24 (N)MAs (54.2%) of interventions targeting physical health outcomes, and in 29 out of 74 (N)MAs (39.2%) of interventions targeting iatrogenic medication effects, the mean AMSTAR Content score was ≤ 3 .

Forty-five (N)MAs included only double-blind trials (45.9%), 21 (21.4%) had a sample size < 500 in all outcomes, and 34 (34.7%) > 1000 in all outcomes. A significant heterogeneity in all

outcomes was present in 38 (38.8%) (N)MAs, and in no outcome in 37 (37.8%). Finally, publication bias in all outcomes was present in 73 (74.5%) (N)MAs, and in no outcome in 14 (14.3%).

Meta-regression analysis was possible only for pharmacological interventions, compared with placebo or other active interventions (Table 1). In adult patients, compared to active controls, AMSTAR methodology and Total scores negatively moderated effect sizes regarding discontinuation due to adverse events ($\beta = -0.09/-0.05$, $p = 0.0004/0.048$) and weight gain ($\beta = -0.16/-0.14$, $p = 0.01/0.03$); in mixed adults and elderly population, these same variables positively moderated effect sizes for any adverse event ($\beta = 0.04/0.03$, $p = 0.001/0.004$). Finally, a statistically significant, but negligible, moderating influence on effect sizes emerged in adult patients compared to active controls regarding intolerance-related discontinuation for sample size ($\beta = 0.0001$, $p = 0.047$). No significant moderating effect emerged for youth and for comparisons with placebo.

Physical health outcomes of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions

Detailed results are reported in Tables 2, 3. For each outcome, below we summarize key findings for age groups separately, and accounting for control group. Additionally, we report separately data for interventions directly targeting physical health, and for iatrogenic effects of pharmacological interventions. In BD, “any” phase (or without specification of a phase) means that authors of (N)MA didn’t account for different phases of the disease in the included samples; otherwise, the specific phase considered is reported.

Table 1. Meta-regression results.

Outcome	Age group	Intervention	Control	Moderator	Beta (95% CI)	p-value	k	
Any adverse event	Youth	Pharmacological	Placebo	AMSTAR	0.03 (−0.0002 to 0.06)	0.051	10	
				Content	−0.004 (−0.05 to 0.04)	0.86	10	
				TOT	0.01 (−0.01 to 0.03)	0.24	10	
	Adults	Pharmacological	Placebo	Sample size	0.00 (−0.00 to 0.00)	0.07	21	
				AMSTAR	0.01 (−0.15 to 0.16)	0.95	21	
				Content	−0.09 (−0.20 to 0.02)	0.10	21	
			TOT	−0.04 (−0.12 to 0.04)	0.28	21		
			Active	Sample size	−0.00 (−0.00 to 0.00)	0.18	50	
				AMSTAR	−0.03 (−0.09 to 0.02)	0.20	52	
				Content	−0.00 (−0.06 to 0.06)	1.00	52	
			TOT	−0.02 (−0.05 to 0.02)	0.39	52		
			Adults & elderly	Pharmacological	Active	Sample size	−0.00 (−0.00 to 0.00)	0.30
	AMSTAR	0.04 (0.02 to 0.06)				0.001	25	
	Content	0.01 (−0.05 to 0.08)				0.67	25	
	TOT	0.03 (0.01 to 0.05)	0.004	25				
Discontinuation due to adverse events	Youth	Pharmacological	Placebo	AMSTAR	0.16 (−0.15 to 0.46)	0.32	13	
				Content	0.12 (−0.08 to 0.31)	0.25	13	
				TOT	0.07 (−0.05 to 0.19)	0.28	13	
	Adults	Pharmacological	Placebo	Sample size	−0.00 (−0.00 to 0.00)	0.63	45	
				AMSTAR	0.02 (−0.05 to 0.08)	0.64	53	
				Content	0.04 (−0.03 to 0.12)	0.25	53	
			TOT	0.03 (−0.02 to 0.09)	0.21	53		
			Active	Sample size	0.0001 (0.00 to 0.0001)	0.047	110	
				AMSTAR	−0.09 (−0.14 to −0.04)	0.0004	118	
				Content	0.03 (−0.02 to 0.09)	0.27	118	
			TOT	−0.05 (−0.09 to −0.0003)	0.048	118		
			Weight gain	Adults	Pharmacological	Placebo	AMSTAR	0.15 (−0.07 to 0.37)
	Content	−0.09 (−0.33 to 0.16)					0.49	31
	TOT	0.06 (−0.13 to 0.26)					0.52	31
	Active	Sample size				0.00 (−0.00 to 0.00)	0.33	33
AMSTAR		−0.16 (−0.29 to −0.03)				0.01	35	
Content		0.03 (−0.18 to 0.25)				0.76	35	
TOT	−0.14 (−0.26 to −0.01)	0.03	35					

Content AMSTAR-Plus Content score, k Number of comparisons, TOT AMSTAR-Plus total score. Significant results are presented in **bold**.

INTERVENTIONS DIRECTLY TARGETING PHYSICAL HEALTH

Physical disease-related outcomes, fitness and quality of life

Adults. Compared to treatment as usual (TAU) or placebo, collaborative care treatment yielded fewer major adverse cardiac events in adults with acute coronary syndrome (ACS) and depression (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/2). SSRIs reduced readmissions for coronary heart disease (CHD) in those with CHD and depression (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 6/4). In the elderly, SSRIs did not impact exercise tolerance and forced expiratory volume during the first minute (FEV1 – eResults) in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and depression, nor stroke recurrence in post-stroke depression. In adults with mixed chronic medical conditions and depression, collaborative care ensured more somatic diagnostic or treatment procedures than TAU (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3).

Versus TAU, physical exercise improved cardiorespiratory fitness in people with depression (VO₂ max or peak, ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 8/2).

A benefit in physical health-related quality of life (PHQoL) emerged against TAU/wait-list/no treatment for mixed psychological interventions in adults with depression (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 6/0), mixed psychological/pharmacological interventions in adults with ACS and depression (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 5/5), and physical exercise in adults and elderly with depression (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 7/1). No difference was found for SSRIs versus placebo in adults with mixed chronic medical conditions and depression, and in elderly with COPD and depression.

Glucose metabolism

Adults. In adults with depression and type 1/2 diabetes mellitus (T1/2DM), a decrease in fasting glucose was observed with cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) versus TAU (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 7/1) and SSRIs (but not paroxetine) versus placebo (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3). A significant decrease in HbA1c compared to TAU/wait-list/placebo emerged for collaborative care (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3), mixed

Table 2. Efficacy of interventions to improve physical health in subjects with mood disorders, compared to Placebo/TAU/Wait list/No treatment.

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
Cardiovascular and respiratory outcomes											
<i>CHD readmission</i>											
Adults	CHD, Depression	SSRI	Placebo/no intervention	RR	0.63 (0.46–0.86)	0.003	5	2461	1	4	M
<i>Diastolic blood pressure</i>											
Youth, Adults	Depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	−0.11 (−0.17 to −0.05)	<0.0001	17	4662	1	7	H
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	SMD	−0.11 (−0.20 to −0.01)	0.04	6	1594	1	6	M
		Paroxetine	Placebo	SMD	−0.10 (−0.20 to 0.001)	0.053	6	1547	1	7	H
		Escitalopram	Placebo	SMD	−0.13 (−0.30 to 0.03)	0.11	2	628	1	5	M
		Sertraline	Placebo	SMD	−0.10 (−0.26 to 0.06)	0.21	2	609	1	6	M
<i>Exercise tolerance</i>											
Elderly	COPD, Depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	1.27 (−0.87 to 3.41)	0.25	2	148	0	4	M
<i>FEV1</i>											
Elderly	COPD, Depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	0.08 (−0.25 to 0.04)	0.65	2	148	0	4	M
<i>Hypertension</i>											
Adults	Depression	Levomilnacipran	Placebo	NNH	75 (44–274)	<0.05	5	2623	0	5	L
<i>Major adverse cardiac event + physical functioning</i>											
Adults	ACS, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.76 (0.60–0.98)	0.032	5	866	2	2	L
<i>Orthostatic hypotension</i>											
Youth	Depression	SSRI	Placebo	RR ^a	0.91 (0.05–14.5)	>0.05	na	2097	1	2	L
Adults	Depression	Levomilnacipran	Placebo	NNH	53 (na)	>0.05	5	2623	0	5	L
<i>Palpitations</i>											
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Imipramine	Placebo	OR	3.04 (1.56–5.94)	<0.05	2	422	0	3	L
<i>Respiratory disorder</i>											
Youth	Depression	SSRI	Placebo	RR	0.86 (0.48–1.57)	>0.05	na	2097	1	2	L
		Tricyclic antidepressants	Placebo	RR	0.58 (0.23–1.45)	>0.05	na	2097	1	2	L
<i>Systolic blood pressure</i>											
Youth, Adults	Depression	Paroxetine	Placebo	SMD	−0.11 (−0.21 to −0.01)	0.03	6	1547	1	7	M
		SSRI	Placebo	SMD	−0.09 (−0.15 to −0.03)	0.003	17	4662	1	8	H
		Sertraline	Placebo	SMD	−0.12 (−0.29 to 0.05)	0.17	2	609	1	5	M
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	SMD	−0.09 (−0.19 to 0.01)	0.08	6	1594	1	7	M
		Escitalopram	Placebo	SMD	−0.01 (−0.17 to 0.15)	0.92	2	628	1	6	M
<i>Tachycardia</i>											
Adults	Depression	Amitriptyline	Placebo	OR	3.88 (1.71 to 8.80)	0.001	5	384	1	2	L
		Levomilnacipran	Placebo	NNH	25 (19 to 40)	< 0.05	5	2623	0	5	L
<i>VO2 max or peak</i>											
Adults	Depression	Physical exercise	No exercise	g	−0.64 (−0.96 to −0.32)	<0.001	8	498	2	2	L
Metabolic outcomes											
<i>BMI</i>											
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	g	0.17 (−0.02 to 0.36)	0.07	2	438	2	1	L
<i>Cortisol</i>											
Adults	Depression	Physical exercise	No exercise	SMD	0.65 (−0.01 to 1.30)	>0.05	5	209	1	0	L
<i>Fasting glucose</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^b	2.10 (−0.52 to 4.73)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M
		Olanzapine+fluoxetine	Placebo	MD ^b	0.00 (−2.57 to 2.55)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (225)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^b	−1.09 (−4.57 to 2.37)	>0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	g	−0.45 (−0.85 to −0.05)	0.03	2	715	2	2	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	38 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
		Olanzapine	Placebo	NNH	−177 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.2 (0.03–0.37)	0.02	2	581	2	5	M
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Aripiprazole	Placebo	MD ^b	0.90 (−2.17 to 4.12)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	5	M
		Cariprazine	Placebo	MD ^b	0.07 (−1.31 to 1.70)	>0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	7	H
		Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^b	−1.45 (−5.50 to 2.64)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	6	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	MD ^b	−0.34 (−3.18 to 2.17)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (na)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^b	1.54 (−0.76 to 3.95)	>0.05	7 (4)	3267 (1461)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^b	0.001 (−1.21 to 2.03)	>0.05	7 (3)	3267 (871)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^b	1.15 (−0.82 to 3.12)	>0.05	18 (6)	na (2756)	1	7	H
		T1&2DM, Depression	CBT	TAU	SMD	−0.63 (−0.94 to −0.33)	<0.0001	3	175	2	1
	T2DM, Depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	−0.31 (−0.57 to −0.06)	<0.05	5	247	2	3	L
		Paroxetine	Placebo	SMD	−0.19 (−0.58 to 0.19)	>0.05	3	104	2	3	L
		Mixed psychological interventions	TAU	SMD	−0.93 (−1.15 to −0.71)	<0.00001	22	2000	1	3	L

Table 2. continued

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
<i>2 - hour postprandial plasma glucose</i>											
Adults	T2DM, Depression	Mixed psychological interventions	TAU	SMD	-0.84 (-1.13 to -0.56)	<0.00001	17	1585	1	3	L
<i>HbA1c</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Olanzapine	Placebo	NNH	69 (37-525)	<0.05	7	473	0	3	L
		Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	107 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Lurasidone	Placebo	SMD	0.14 (-0.07 to 0.35)	>0.05	3 (1)	1223 (253)	1	6	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	SMD	0.05 (-0.15 to 0.24)	>0.05	3 (1)	1223 (514)	1	6	M
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^a	0.05 (-0.02 to 0.13)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^a	0.02 (-0.04 to 0.08)	>0.05	7 (3)	3267 (875)	1	6	M
	T1&2DM, Depression	Mixed pharmacological	TAU/WL/Placebo	SMD	-0.99 (-1.85 to -0.13)	0.024	6	432	1	1	L
		Psychotherapy	TAU/WL/Placebo	SMD	-0.61 (-1.07 to -0.15)	0.01	9	958	1	2	L
		SSRI	Placebo	SMD	-0.29 (-0.52 to -0.05)	0.02	7	428	1	3	L
		Any treatment for depression (psychotherapy, pharmacological, collaborative care)	TAU	SMD	-0.27 (-0.40 to -0.15)	<0.001	12	1666	2	5	M
		Collaborative care	TAU	SMD	-0.23 (-0.39 to -0.08)	0.003	7	1556	1	5	M
		Any intervention (collaborative care, psychotherapy, pharmacological, online-based, phone-based, exercise, group-based)	TAU/WL/Placebo	SMD	-0.21 (-0.33 to -0.09)	0.001	24	3415	1	4	M
		Collaborative care	TAU/WL/Placebo	SMD	-0.21 (-0.36 to -0.05)	0.01	5	1470	1	3	L
	T2DM, Depression	CBT	TAU	SMD	-0.22 (-0.53 to 0.08)	0.15	7	759	2	2	L
Mixed psychological interventions		TAU	SMD	-0.81 (-1.10 to -0.53)	<0.00001	22	1765	1	2	L	
Collaborative care		TAU	OR	1.31 (0.85-2.01)	0.228	3	774	2	2	L	
<i>Insulin</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^a	12.9 (-19.4 to 46.3)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^a	2.70 (-19.4 to 35.4)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (510)	1	4	M
<i>HDL cholesterol</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	2.30 (-0.07 to 4.67)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	-0.39 (-2.75 to 1.96)	>0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	g	-0.23 (-0.49 to 0.02)	0.07	2	715	2	2	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.88 (-0.85 to 2.61)	>0.05	2	581	2	5	M
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Lurasidone	Placebo	SMD	-0.16 (-0.37 to 0.06)	>0.05	3 (1)	1223 (253)	1	6	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	SMD	0.12 (-0.07 to 0.31)	>0.05	3 (1)	1223 (514)	1	6	M
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^a	-1.05 (-3.01 to 0.94)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M
	Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^a	-0.04 (-1.59 to 1.27)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (580)	1	4	M	
<i>LDL cholesterol</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	-5.90 (-10.51 to -1.30)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	-0.69(-6.21 to 4.82)	>0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	-171 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
		Olanzapine	Placebo	NNH	-148 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.06 (-0.11 to 0.23)	>0.05	2	581	2	5	M
		Bipolar disorder (depression)	Aripiprazole	Placebo	MD ^a	-0.50 (-4.09 to 3.14)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	5
	Cariprazine		Placebo	MD ^a	-0.67 (-3.23 to 0.42)	>0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	7	H
	Lurasidone		Placebo	MD ^a	1.18 (-3.86 to 6.23)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	6	M
	Olanzapine		Placebo	MD ^a	0.42 (-1.23 to 2.16)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (na)	1	5	M
	Quetiapine IR		Placebo	MD ^a	0.49 (-5.93 to 7.04)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M
	Quetiapine XR		Placebo	MD ^a	1.77 (-2.71 to 7.67)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (567)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	-0.59 (-4.23 to 3.00)	>0.05	18 (3)	na (na)	1	5	M
<i>Total cholesterol</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine + fluoxetine	Placebo	MD ^a	20.47 (13.97 to 26.94)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (225)	1	4	M
		Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	-4.89 (-10.29 to 0.55)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	5.40 (-0.72 to 11.48)	>0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	0.59 (0.36-0.97)	0.04	2	715	2	2	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	1000 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
		Olanzapine	Placebo	NNH	-108 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.08 (-0.09 to 0.25)	>0.05	2	581	2	5	M
		Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine	Placebo	MD ^a	7.06 (2.47-12.0)	<0.05	18 (3)	na (1329)	1	6
	Aripiprazole		Placebo	MD ^a	0.50 (-5.64 to 6.60)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	5	M
	Cariprazine		Placebo	MD ^a	-2.05 (-5.90 to 1.67)	>0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	7	H
		Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	1.72 (-6.56 to 9.94)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	6	M
	Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^a	1.97 (-7.77 to 11.8)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M	

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^a	3.65 (-4.68 to 13.1)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (580)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	0.50 (-4.86 to 5.88)	>0.05	18 (3)	na (na)	1	5	M
<i>Triglycerides</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine + fluoxetine	Placebo	MD ^a	38.57 (21.41–55.77)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (225)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	34.87 (20.08–49.67)	<0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L
		Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	-13.43 (-26.63 to -0.25)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	g	0.08 (-0.06 to 0.23)	0.27	2	715	2	2	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	27 (na)	>0.05	7	473	0	3	L
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.14 (-0.03 to 0.31)	>0.05	2	581	2	5	M
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Aripiprazole	Placebo	MD ^a	0.98 (-10.48 to 12.47)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	5	M
		Cariprazine	Placebo	MD ^a	1.35 (-1.27 to 6.50)	>0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	7	H
		Lurasidone	Placebo	MD ^a	-3.05 (-15.37 to 9.55)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	6	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	MD ^a	1.85 (-1.88 to 8.64)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (na)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	MD ^a	11.3 (-20.6 to 44.6)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (766)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	MD ^a	13.5 (-14.7 to 45.8)	>0.05	7 (2)	3267 (580)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	MD ^a	11.1 (-2.75 to 24.9)	>0.05	18 (3)	na (na)	1	5	M
<i>Elevation of metabolic blood parameters (lipids and glucose-related)</i>											
Adults	Depression	Olanzapine	Placebo	OR	4.46 (2.07–9.58)	<0.05	4	na	1	2	L
		Quetiapine	Placebo	OR	2.45 (1.80–3.34)	<0.05	2	na	1	2	L
<i>Liver enzymes elevation</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Olanzapine	Placebo	RR	10.3 (2.85–37.4)	0.0001	2	254	1	4	M
<i>Waist circumference</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Placebo	MD ^a	0.16 (-0.01 to 0.33)	>0.05	2	581	2	5	M
<i>Weight gain</i>											
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine + fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	44.8 (11.2–148)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (225)	1	4	M
		Lurasidone	Placebo	OR	0.82 (0.22–2.13)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	3	L
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	OR	2.59 (0.79–6.74)	>0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	4	M
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	g	0.05 (-0.11 to 0.21)	0.54	4	1,005	2	3	L
		Lithium	Placebo	SMD	0.11 (-0.08 to 0.30)	>0.05	3	437	2	3	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Quetiapine	Placebo	RR	2.33 (1.34–4.03)	<0.05	7	2780	1	4	M
		Bipolar disorder	SGA	Placebo	RR ^a	6.40 (3.90–11.0)	<0.05	4	1954	1	5
		Antipsychotics LAI	Placebo	RR	2.32 (1.33–4.06)	0.003	4	960	1	4	M
		Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	19 (13–37)	<0.05	7	473	0	3	L
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	RR	4.07 (0.22–74.9)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Aripiprazole LAI	Placebo	RR	1.35 (0.09–20.3)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Asenapine	Placebo	RR	1.11 (0.07–18.0)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Lithium	Placebo	RR	1.29 (0.16–10.5)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	RR	1.23 (0.21–7.09)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Paliperidone	Placebo	RR	1.18 (0.07–18.9)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Quetiapine	Placebo	RR	1.94 (0.13–29.8)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Risperidone LAI	Placebo	RR	2.30 (0.35–15.1)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Valproate	Placebo	RR	2.11 (0.19–23.7)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Olanzapine	Placebo	NNH	9 (7–12)	<0.05	6	1100	0	5	M
		Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	19 (14–32)	<0.05	3	949	0	4	M
		Ziprasidone	Placebo	NNH	21 (11–933)	<0.05	3	450	0	3	L
		Risperidone	Placebo	NNH	27 (12–1454)	<0.05	3	259	0	3	L
		Divalproex	Placebo	NNH	30 (16–662)	<0.05	4	665	0	4	M
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	NNH	78 (-30 to 191)	>0.05	5	1373	0	5	M
		Cariprazine	Placebo	NNH	240 (-72 to 500)	>0.05	3	1039	0	5	M
		Haloperidol	Placebo	NNH	-127 (-210 to 37)	>0.05	2	550	0	4	M
		Lithium	Placebo	OR	1.55 (0.29–8.29)	0.61	3	735	2	2	L
	Paliperidone	Placebo	NNH	34 (-92 to 180)	>0.05	2	467	0	3	L	
	Haloperidol + lithium or valproate	Placebo	SMD	-0.14 (-0.32 to 0.04)	0.11	3	484	1	4	M	
	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Olanzapine	Placebo	OR	5.08 (3.29–7.85)	0.0001	3	581	1	6	M
		Risperidone	Placebo	OR	2.51 (1.30–4.85)	0.006	4	806	2	5	M
		SGA	Placebo	SMD	0.33 (0.12–0.55)	0.002	9	1990	2	3	L
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	SMD	0.16 (-0.02 to 0.33)	0.06	2	514	2	2	L
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine	Placebo	OR	68.5 (15.6–231)	<0.05	18 (2)	na (na)	1	3	L
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	RR	3.50 (1.67–7.95)	<0.05	7 (3)	3267 (920)	1	4	M
		Cariprazine	Placebo	OR	3.50 (1.26–8.65)	<0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	6	M
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	OR	3.46 (1.91–5.92)	<0.05	18 (6)	na (2756)	1	6	M
		SGA	Placebo	RR	2.77 (1.72–4.45)	<0.001	12	4599	1	6	M
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	RR	2.60 (1.49–4.87)	<0.05	7 (4)	3267 (1349)	1	4	M

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
	Depression	Modafinil	Placebo	RR	0.34 (0.15–0.76)	0.009	3	1040	0	3	L
		Lurasidone	Placebo	OR	19.1 (0.66–108)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	5	M
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	1.67 (0.56–3.92)	> 0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	4	M
		Anti-ADHD medications	Placebo	RR	0.40 (0.20–0.70)	0.02	3	1056	1	7	M
		Olanzapine	Placebo	OR	16.3 (7.02–37.8)	<0.05	4	na	1	2	L
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	5.91 (2.14–16.3)	<0.05	3	na	1	2	L
		Brexpiprazole	Placebo	RR	4.36 (2.45–7.77)	<0.0001	4	1673	2	6	M
		Quetiapine	Placebo	OR	2.86 (1.11–7.37)	<0.05	3	na	1	2	L
		Lurasidone	Placebo	RR	4.11 (1.02–16.6)	<0.05	3	897	1	6	M
		Unipolar/bipolar depression									
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Brexpiprazole + antidepressant	Placebo + antidepressant	RR	2.88 (1.87–4.42)	<0.0001	8	3370	1	5	M
Miscellaneous											
<i>Combined physical outcomes (HbA1c, number of epileptic seizures, HIV-symptom severity, pain and physical functioning)</i>											
Adults	Chronic medical conditions, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.68 (0.60–0.78)	<0.001	19	4692	2	5	M
<i>Combined physical outcomes (HbA1c; physical functioning; systolic blood pressure)</i>											
Adults	Chronic medical conditions, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.60 (0.46–0.79)	<0.001	2	598	2	2	L
<i>Somatic diagnostic or treatment procedures</i>											
Adults	Chronic medical conditions, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.44 (0.33–0.60)	<0.05	4	638	2	3	L
<i>Stroke recurrence</i>											
Elderly	Post-stroke depression	Antidepressants	Placebo	OR ^a	1.14 (0.15–8.60)	>0.05	2	105	1	1	L
Pain											
<i>Pain</i>											
Adults	Depression	SNRI	Placebo	d	–0.27 (–0.33 to –0.21)	<0.05	14	4993	1	7	M
		Duloxetine	Placebo	SMD	–0.26 (–0.51 to –0.01)	<0.05	11	4980	1	5	M
		SSRI	Placebo	d	–0.24 (–0.36 to –0.13)	<0.05	6	1325	1	6	M
		Paroxetine	Placebo	WMD ^a	–5.8 (–9.4 to –2.2)	<0.05	4	na	0	2	L
<i>Pain + physical functioning</i>											
Adults	Arthritis, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.66 (0.54–0.79)	<0.001	2	1251	2	3	L
	Cancer, Depression	Collaborative care	TAU	OR	0.75 (0.61–0.90)	0.002	3	727	2	2	L
Quality of life											
<i>Diabetes-related distress</i>											
Adults	T1&2DM, Depression	CBT	TAU	SMD	–0.25 (–0.50 to 0.01)	0.06	2	236	2	1	L
<i>Physical health-related quality of life</i>											
Adults	Depression	Mixed psychological	TAU/placebo/ no treatment	g	–0.27 (–0.46 to –0.07)	<0.01	14	na	2	0	L
	ACS, Depression	Mixed psychological/ pharmacological	TAU	SMD	–0.14 (–0.24 to –0.04)	0.009	5	2105	2	5	M
	Chronic medical conditions, Depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	0.02 (–0.19 to 0.23)	>0.05	5	338	1	3	L
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Physical exercise	TAU/WL/ Placebo	SMD	–0.53 (–0.84 to –0.22)	0.001	5	175	2	1	L
Elderly	COPD and depression	SSRI	Placebo	SMD	1.17 (–0.80 to 3.15)	0.25	2	148	0	3	L
Any adverse event, discontinuation due to adverse events											
<i>Any adverse event</i>											
Youth	Depression	Paroxetine	Placebo	OR	1.82 (1.06–3.11)	<0.05	24 (4)	3408 (681)	0	3	L
		SSRI	Placebo	OR	1.47 (1.16–1.87)	<0.05	24 (11)	4859 (2464)	0	4	M
		Antidepressants	Placebo	RR	1.04 (0.97–1.11)	>0.05	7	1911	1	4	M
		Citalopram	Placebo	OR	1.68 (0.80–3.54)	>0.05	24 (2)	3231 (407)	0	2	L
		Desvenlafaxine	Placebo	OR	0.98 (0.52–1.86)	>0.05	24 (1)	3594 (227)	0	3	L
		Escitalopram	Placebo	OR	1.13 (0.57–2.25)	>0.05	24 (2)	3304 (572)	0	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	1.16 (0.78–1.72)	>0.05	24 (2)	3794 (1627)	0	4	M
		SNRI	Placebo	OR	1.16 (0.77–1.73)	>0.05	24 (2)	3880 (561)	0	4	M
		SSRI/SNRI	Placebo	RR	1.06 (0.98–1.15)	0.13	15	na	1	6	M
		Adolescents	Depression	Antidepressants	Placebo	RR	1.11 (1.04–1.19)	0.002	6	1327	0
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Quetiapine	Placebo	RR	1.18 (1.12 to 1.25)	<0.05	7	2780	1	4	M
Adults	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Risperidone LAI	Placebo	RR	1.10 (0.94–1.28)	0.23	2	570	1	3	L
		Valproate	Placebo	OR	1.63 (1.13–2.36)	0.01	3	745	2	4	M
		Cariprazine	Placebo	OR	1.75 (0.74–4.15)	0.11	3	1045	2	8	M
		Risperidone	Placebo	RR	1.04 (0.88–1.23)	0.66	2	253	2	4	M
		Lurasidone	Placebo	RR	1.12 (1.00–1.26)	0.05	2	704	2	5	M
Bipolar disorder (depression)											

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q		
	Depression	Dextroamphetamine	Placebo	RR	5.05 (1.64–15.6)	<0.05	17 (7)	3473 (408)	0	4	M		
		Amitriptyline	Placebo	OR	4.64 (2.45–8.78)	<0.0001	7	802	1	2	L		
		Bupropion	Placebo	OR	3.08 (2.00–4.74)	<0.05	32 (na)	5245 (na)	0	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	2.68 (1.89–3.81)	<0.05	32 (na)	5245 (na)	0	3	L		
		Venlafaxine	Placebo	OR	2.63 (1.93–3.57)	<0.05	32 (na)	5245 (na)	1	3	L		
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	1.95 (1.52–2.51)	<0.05	8	2796	1	7	H		
		Vortioxetine	Placebo	OR	1.54 (1.28–1.85)	<0.05	32 (na)	5245 (na)	1	3	L		
		Brexipiprazole	Placebo	OR	1.37 (1.21–1.56)	<0.05	10	3998	1	7	H		
		Lisdexamphetamine	Placebo	RR	1.17 (1.07–1.28)	<0.05	17 (4)	3473 (1212)	0	5	M		
		Paroxetine	Placebo	RR	1.15 (1.11–1.19)	<0.05	35	5709	2	5	M		
		Mirtazapine	Placebo	OR	1.37 (0.46–4.05)	>0.05	32 (na)	5245 (na)	2	3	L		
		Methylphenidate	Placebo	RR	1.09 (0.86–1.37)	>0.05	17 (12)	3471 (703)	0	4	M		
		Modafinil	Placebo	RR	1.03 (0.85–1.26)	>0.05	17 (6)	3471 (647)	0	5	M		
		Pemoline	Placebo	RR	2.98 (0.93–9.58)	>0.05	17 (2)	3473 (140)	0	4	M		
		Seasonal depression	Unipolar/bipolar depression	Bupropion	Placebo	RR	1.02 (0.97–1.08)	0.4	3	1048	1	7	H
Lamotrigine	Placebo			RR	1.04 (0.92–1.18)	0.54	3	166	1	3	L		
Adults, Elderly	Depression	SNRI	Placebo	OR	3.30 (1.44–7.59)	<0.05	28 (1)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
		TCA	Placebo	OR	2.67 (1.82–3.92)	<0.05	28 (3)	4276 (na)	0	6	M		
		Antipsychotics	Placebo	OR	1.34 (0.93–1.91)	>0.05	28 (2)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
		MAO-I	Placebo	OR	1.42 (0.74–2.69)	>0.05	28 (1)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
		SSRI	Placebo	OR	1.35 (0.94–1.96)	>0.05	28 (4)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
Elderly	Depression	SNRI	Placebo	RR	1.14 (1.03–1.25)	<0.05	3	805	0	5	M		
		SSRI	Placebo	RR	1.07 (0.98–1.16)	>0.05	2	713	1	5	M		
<i>Discontinuation due to adverse events</i>													
Youth	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Olanzapine + fluoxetine	Placebo	OR ^a	3.31 (1.08–8.75)	<0.05	4 (1)	na (225)	1	4	M		
		Quetiapine IR/XR	Placebo	OR ^a	0.32 (0.07–0.83)	<0.05	4 (2)	na (225)	0	3	L		
		Lurasidone	Placebo	OR ^a	1.49 (0.17–5.84)	>0.05	4 (1)	na (347)	2	4	M		
	Depression	SNRI	Placebo	RR	2.95 (1.61–5.40)	<0.001	3	na	1	6	M		
		Duloxetine	Placebo	OR	2.80 (1.20–9.42)	<0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
		SSRI/SNRI	Placebo	RR	1.66 (1.20–2.28)	0.002	17	na	1	6	M		
		Citalopram	Placebo	OR	1.13 (0.45–3.66)	>0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
		Desipramine	Placebo	OR	2.85 (0.83–21.8)	>0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
		Escitalopram	Placebo	OR	1.64 (0.46–13.5)	>0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	1.03 (0.50–2.70)	>0.05	34 (5)	5260	2	8	H		
		Mirtazapine	Placebo	OR	1.36 (0.41–11.0)	>0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
		Paroxetine	Placebo	OR	1.59 (0.77–3.95)	>0.05	34 (4)	5260	0	8	H		
		SSRI	Placebo	RR	1.40 (0.99–1.98)	0.06	14	na	1	6	M		
		Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	1.55 (1.16–2.08)	0.004	8	na	2	4	M
				Valproate	Placebo	RR	2.42 (1.28–4.56)	<0.05	7	1012	1	4	M
Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Olanzapine		Placebo	RR	1.93 (0.48–7.72)	>0.05	8	730	1	2	L		
	Quetiapine		Placebo	RR	1.88 (1.20–2.96)	<0.05	7	2780	1	4	M		
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics LAI	Placebo	RR	2.89 (1.03–8.09)	0.04	4	929	1	4	M		
		Asenapine	Placebo	RR	0.36 (0.16–0.81)	<0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Lithium	Placebo	RR	2.24 (1.43–3.50)	<0.05	21 (5)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	RR	6.39 (0.76–53.5)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Aripiprazole LAI	Placebo	RR	7.00 (0.85–57.9)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Lamotrigine	Placebo	RR	0.55 (0.18–1.73)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Olanzapine	Placebo	RR	1.81 (0.98–3.36)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Paliperidone	Placebo	RR	1.22 (0.32–4.67)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Quetiapine	Placebo	RR	1.16 (0.70–1.94)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Risperidone LAI	Placebo	RR	1.79 (0.57–5.61)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Bipolar disorder (mania)	Cariprazine	Placebo	NNH	22 (12–105)	<0.05	3	1045	1	5	M	
			Divalproex	Placebo	NNH	25 (14–134)	<0.05	4	683	1	4	M	
			Aripiprazole	Placebo	NNH	44 (–144 to 19)	>0.05	5	1575	1	5	M	
			Asenapine	Placebo	NNH	28 (–546 to 14)	>0.05	3	948	1	4	M	
			Atypical antipsychotics	Placebo	RR ^a	1.10 (0.80–1.50)	>0.05	13	2857	1	5	M	
	Carbamazepine		Placebo	RR	2.00 (1.03–3.90)	>0.05	2	427	1	4	M		
	Haloperidol		Placebo	NNH	21 (–204 to 100)	>0.05	2	578	1	4	M		
	Haloperidol + lithium or valproate		Placebo	RR	1.39 (0.58–3.34)	0.5	2	304	1	4	M		
	Lithium		Placebo	RR	2.14 (0.80–5.75)	>0.05	2	305	1	3	L		
	Olanzapine		Placebo	NNH	113 (–66 to 330)	>0.05	6	1375	1	5	M		
	Paliperidone		Placebo	NNH	70 (–29 to 220)	>0.05	2	769	1	4	M		
	Quetiapine		Placebo	OR	0.92 (0.50–1.69)	0.80	6	1158	2	5	M		

Table 2. continued

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q	
Adults, Elderly	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Risperidone	Placebo	NNH	144 (–45 to 280)	>0.05	3	844	1	4	M	
		Ziprasidone	Placebo	NNH	26 (–1870 to 140)	>0.05	3	782	1	4	M	
		Ziprasidone	Placebo	RR	2.40 (1.01–5.68)	<0.05	3	665	1	3	L	
		Cariprazine	Placebo	OR	2.10 (1.37–3.21)	0.02	3	1045	2	8	M	
		Carbamazepine	Placebo	RR	1.97 (1.04–3.74)	<0.05	2	439	1	2	L	
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	RR	1.21 (0.84–1.75)	>0.05	5	1155	1	4	M	
		Haloperidol	Placebo	RR	1.10 (0.40–3.53)	>0.05	7	1060	1	3	L	
		Lithium	Placebo	RR	1.74 (1.00–3.02)	>0.05	6	630	1	2	L	
		Olanzapine	Placebo	RR	0.79 (0.08–8.27)	0.84	2	254	2	0	L	
		Quetiapine	Placebo	RR	1.13 (0.49–2.60)	0.77	2	407	2	1	L	
	Bipolar disorder (depression)	Risperidone	Placebo	RR	1.18 (0.62–2.27)	>0.05	3	843	1	3	L	
		SGA	Placebo	RR	1.19 (0.84–1.69)	0.32	11	2455	2	3	L	
		Valproate	Placebo	RR	1.91 (0.66–5.51)	0.23	3	321	1	3	L	
		SGA	Placebo	RR	2.03 (1.53–2.69)	<0.001	12	4716	1	6	M	
		Quetiapine	Placebo	OR	2.46 (1.57–3.75)	<0.05	18 (6)	na (2756)	1	7	H	
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	2.47 (1.10–4.90)	<0.05	18 (2)	na (749)	1	5	M	
		Quetiapine IR	Placebo	RR	2.25 (1.32–4.01)	<0.05	7 (4)	3267 (1472)	1	4	M	
		Lamotrigine	Placebo	NNH	27 (14–514)	<0.05	2	1138	1	5	M	
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	RR	1.89 (1.00–3.88)	0.05	7 (3)	3267 (929)	1	4	M	
		Cariprazine	Placebo	OR	1.50 (0.82–2.64)	>0.05	18 (4)	na (1765)	1	7	H	
	Depression	Lurasidone	Placebo	OR	1.12 (0.36–2.76)	>0.05	18 (1)	na (485)	2	6	M	
		Olanzapine	Placebo	OR	1.43 (0.68–2.58)	>0.05	18 (3)	na (1329)	1	6	M	
		Anti-ADHD medications	Placebo	RR	1.30 (0.81–2.10)	0.20	5	1543	1	7	M	
		Valproate	Placebo	RR	1.40 (0.18–10.6)	0.75	4	142	1	4	M	
		Ziprasidone	Placebo	OR	1.54 (0.76–2.80)	>0.05	18 (2)	na (885)	0	7	H	
		Amitriptyline	Placebo	OR	4.15 (2.71–6.35)	<0.0001	19	2174	1	5	M	
		Brexiprazole	Placebo	RR	3.44 (1.52–7.80)	0.003	4	1673	2	6	M	
		Quetiapine XR	Placebo	RR	2.90 (1.87–4.48)	<0.05	3	1460	1	5	M	
		Aripiprazole	Placebo	OR	2.12 (1.23–3.67)	0.007	6	2073	1	5	M	
		Desvenlafaxine	Placebo	RR	1.98 (1.45–2.69)	<0.001	12	na	0	5	M	
		Fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	1.96 (1.42–2.72)	<0.01	7	2450	2	6	L	
		Paroxetine	Placebo	RR	1.77 (1.44–2.18)	<0.05	38	6165	2	5	M	
	Seasonal depression	Brexiprazole + antidepressant	Placebo + antidepressant	NNH	54 (32–190)	<0.05	3	1485	0	5	L	
		Dextroamphetamine	Placebo	RR	0.36 (0.02–8.03)	>0.05	17 (7)	3473 (408)	0	4	M	
		Lisdexamphetamine	Placebo	RR	1.54 (0.69–3.42)	>0.05	17 (4)	3473 (1212)	0	5	M	
		Methylphenidate	Placebo	RR	2.22 (0.94–5.24)	>0.05	17 (12)	3471 (703)	0	4	M	
		Modafinil	Placebo	RR	1.42 (0.66–3.06)	> 0.05	17 (6)	3471 (647)	0	5	M	
		Bupropion	Placebo	RR	1.68 (0.74–3.79)	0.21	3	1048	1	6	M	
		Unipolar/bipolar depression	Lamotrigine	Placebo	RR	0.93 (0.45–1.92)	0.84	12	na	1	3	L
		Chronic medical conditions, depression	SSRI	Placebo	RR	1.80 (1.16–2.78)	<0.05	13	1661	1	5	M
			TCA	Placebo	RR	1.88 (0.99–3.57)	>0.05	5	239	1	4	M
		CHD, Depression	SSRI	Placebo	OR	1.30 (0.75–2.25)	0.35	2	653	2	4	M
Post-stroke depression	TCA	Placebo	OR	3.98 (2.54–6.21)	<0.05	28 (6)	4276 (na)	0	6	M		
	MAO-I	Placebo	OR	2.84 (1.18–6.83)	<0.05	28 (1)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
	Antipsychotics	Placebo	OR	2.42 (1.44–4.06)	<0.05	28 (2)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
	Brexiprazole + antidepressant	Placebo + antidepressant	RR	2.36 (1.46–3.82)	0.0004	8	3373	1	5	M		
	SSRI	Placebo	OR	1.99 (1.28–3.08)	<0.05	28 (8)	4276 (na)	1	6	M		
	Doxepine	Placebo	OR	100 (2.00–1000)	<0.05	14 (1)	949 (48)	0	2	L		
	Citalopram	Placebo	OR	8.33 (0.41–50.0)	>0.05	14 (1)	949 (48)	0	2	L		
	Fluoxetine	Placebo	OR	4.17 (0.65–14.3)	> 0.05	14 (4)	949 (215)	0	2	L		
	Nortriptyline	Placebo	OR	3.57 (0.55–12.5)	>0.05	14 (2)	949 (72)	0	2	L		
	Paroxetine	Placebo	OR	0.74 (0.23–4.00)	>0.05	14 (2)	949 (277)	1	2	L		
Elderly	Depression	Trazodone	Placebo	OR	2.63 (0.05–14.3)	>0.05	14 (2)	949 (39)	0	2	L	
		SSRI	Placebo	RR	2.90 (1.16–5.06)	<0.05	3	887	1	5	M	
		SNRI	Placebo	RR	1.85 (1.05–3.27)	<0.05	3	812	0	5	M	

^aEffect size could not be recalculated as standardized measure, *ACS* Acute coronary syndrome, *BMI* Body mass index, *C* Quality as per AMSTAR-Content score 0–9, youth, children and adolescents, *CBT* Cognitive behavioural therapy, *CHD* Coronary heart disease, *CI* Confidence interval, *d* Cohen's *d*, *ES* Effect size, *g* Hedges' *g*, *HbA1c* Glycated hemoglobin, *HDL* High density lipoprotein, *HIV* Human immunodeficiency virus, *IR* Immediate release, *k* Number of studies (in brackets number of direct comparisons in NMAs results), *LDL* Low density lipoprotein, *MD* Mean difference, *n* Number of subjects (in brackets number of subjects in direct comparisons in NMAs results), *na* Not assessed, *NNH* Number needed to harm, *NNT* Number needed to treat, *OR* Odds ratio, *Q* Overall quality rating (*L* Low, *M* Medium, *H* High, see methods section), *R* Recommendation as stated by authors (see methods section), *RD* Risk difference, *RR* Risk ratio, *SGA* Second-generation antipsychotics, *SMD* Standardized mean difference, *SNRI* Serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors, *SSRI* Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, *T1&2DM* Type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus, *TAU* Treatment as usual, *TCA* Tricyclic antidepressants, *WL* wait list, *WMD* Weighted mean difference, *XR* extended release. Results are presented for age group and diagnosis, first all significant ESs in bold in order of ES magnitude, then all other results in alphabetical order for intervention and comparison. Negative values of SMD and OR/RR values < 1 indicate clinical benefit of intervention over control (e.g., glucose decrease, weight loss, cardiorespiratory fitness increase, better tolerated).

Table 3. Efficacy of interventions to improve physical health in subjects with mood disorders compared to active or mixed controls.

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
Cardiovascular and respiratory outcomes											
<i>Cardiovascular health outcomes</i>											
Adults	Depression	Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	1.01 (0.24–4.31)	0.99	3	242	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Mianserin	OR	0.24 (0.05–1.06)	0.06	3	126	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	TCA, SSRI	OR	0.73 (0.41–1.31)	0.29	8	693	0	3	L
Elderly	Depression	Fluoxetine	Sertraline	OR	50.0 (3.23–10000)	<0.05	15 (na)	1432 (na)	1	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Escitalopram	OR	16.7 (1.35–1000)	<0.05	15 (na)	1432 (na)	2	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Citalopram	OR	11.1 (0.43–1000)	>0.05	15 (na)	1432 (na)	0	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Paroxetine	OR	5.88 (0.42–333)	>0.05	15 (na)	1432 (na)	0	4	M
<i>Deep thrombophlebitis</i>											
Adults	Depression	Paroxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.33 (0.05–2.13)	0.25	3	1419	0	5	M
<i>Diastolic blood pressure</i>											
Youth	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	−0.25 (−0.40 to −0.11)	<0.0001	5	1562	1	7	H
Youth, Adults	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	−0.19 (−0.25 to −0.13)	<0.0001	28	8675	1	7	H
Adults	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	−0.18 (−0.42 to −0.11)	<0.0001	23	7113	1	8	H
<i>Dyspnea</i>											
Adults	Depression	Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	4.3 (1.21–15.3)	0.024	2	845	0	4	M
<i>EKG abnormalities</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.71 (0.04–11.6)	0.81	2	623	0	4	M
	Depression	Paroxetine	TCA	OR	0.33 (0.08–1.40)	0.13	3	382	0	3	L
<i>Hypertension</i>											
Adults	Depression	Duloxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.89 (0.15–5.29)	0.9	2	222	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.65 (0.15–2.77)	0.56	2	855	0	4	M
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	0.82 (0.22–3.14)	0.78	3	202	0	3	L
<i>Hypertension/tachycardia</i>											
Adults	Depression	Fluvoxamine	Amitriptyline	OR	1.04 (0.19–5.81)	0.97	2	295	1	3	L
		Fluvoxamine	Milnacipran	OR	0.54 (0.21–1.42)	0.21	3	240	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	TCA	OR	1.56 (0.51–4.78)	0.43	4	363	1	2	L
		Mirtazapine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.44 (0.24–0.81)	0.008	4	552	1	3	L
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Mirtazapine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.44 (0.24–0.81)	0.008	4	552	1	3	L
<i>Hypotension</i>											
Adults	Depression	Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.37 (0.19–0.75)	0.006	3	1375	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	Clomipramine	OR	2.46 (0.35–17.2)	0.36	2	175	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.40 (0.02–7.79)	0.55	2	282	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.65 (0.18–2.41)	0.52	2	276	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	1.07 (0.30–3.84)	0.91	6	670	0	4	M
<i>Hypotension/bradycardia</i>											
Adults	Depression	Fluvoxamine	TCA	OR	0.40 (0.21–0.79)	0.008	8	930	1	3	L
		Fluvoxamine	Imipramine	OR	0.24 (0.10–0.62)	0.003	4	560	1	4	M
		Fluvoxamine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.2 (0.03–1.18)	0.076	2	295	1	3	L
		Fluvoxamine	Clomipramine	OR	1.23 (0.38–4.02)	0.73	2	75	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Milnacipran	OR	0.71 (0.28–1.77)	0.46	2	127	1	2	L
		Adults, Elderly	Depression	Mirtazapine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.46 (0.12–1.1)	0.27	2	215	1
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Mirtazapine	Trazodone	OR	0.17 (0.03–1.00)	0.05	2	300	1	2	L
<i>Orthostatic hypotension</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.77 (0.20–15.6)	0.61	2	489	0	3	L
<i>QTc change</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.36 (−0.11 to 0.83)	0.14	2	268	0	2	L
<i>Palpitations</i>											
Adults	Depression	Duloxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	1.15 (0.22–6.12)	0.87	2	222	0	2	L
		Duloxetine	Paroxetine	OR	1.16 (0.46–2.92)	0.76	4	1280	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.42 (0.06–2.74)	0.37	3	374	0	3	L
		Paroxetine	Duloxetine	OR	0.86 (0.34–2.18)	0.76	4	1280	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.54 (0.18–1.61)	0.27	3	441	0	3	L
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.69 (0.36–1.35)	0.28	3	1375	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	0.63 (0.27–1.51)	0.3	9	1171	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	0.63 (0.27–1.51)	0.3	9	1171	0	5	M
<i>Respiratory disorder</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Risperidone LAI	SGA oral	RR	1.82 (0.44–7.53)	0.41	2	172	1	1	L
		Depression	Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.47 (0.15–1.42)	0.18	2	221	0	2
	Depression	Paroxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.95 (0.66–1.35)	0.76	5	1674	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	2.62 (0.90–7.64)	0.08	4	319	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Mianserin	OR	0.17 (0.03–1.02)	0.053	3	185	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	1.08 (0.54–2.18)	0.82	11	1102	0	6	M

Table 3. continued

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
<i>Systolic blood pressure</i>											
Youth	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	-0.15 (-0.25 to -0.05)	0.004	5	1562	1	7	H
Youth, Adults	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	-0.16 (-0.21 to -0.11)	<0.0001	28	8675	1	8	H
Adults	Depression	SSRI	SNRI	SMD	-0.17 (-0.23 to -0.11)	<0.0001	23	7113	1	8	H
<i>Tachycardia</i>											
Adults	Depression	Citalopram	Imipramine	OR	0.36 (0.13–0.99)	<0.05	2	515	1	3	L
		Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.43 (0.04–4.44)	0.48	2	360	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.36 (0.09–1.47)	0.15	3	357	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.39 (0.15–1.01)	0.053	3	1375	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	TCA	OR	0.37 (0.12–1.13)	0.08	5	717	0	4	M
Metabolic outcomes											
<i>Cortisol</i>											
Adults	Depression	Mixed psychological interventions	Placebo/no treatment, active psychological, active pharmacological	g	0.19 (-0.45 to 0.06)	>0.05	5	na	0	2	L
<i>Fasting glucose</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.2 (0.09–0.32)	0.001	5	1340	0	5	M
<i>HbA1c</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.25 (0.08–0.42)	0.004	3	911	0	4	M
	Depression	Mixed psychological interventions	Placebo/no treatment, active psychological, active pharmacological	g	-0.01 (-0.30 to 0.29)	7	na	0	1	1	L
<i>Insulin</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.07 (-0.07 to 0.21)	0.3	3	803	0	4	M
<i>HDL cholesterol</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.11 (-0.01 to 0.23)	0.06	4	1121	0	5	M
<i>LDL cholesterol</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.06 (-0.06 to 0.17)	0.36	4	1121	0	5	M
<i>Total cholesterol</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.07 (-0.04 to 0.17)	0.22	6	1389	0	5	M
		Olanzapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.11 (-0.14 to 0.36)	>0.05	2	249	0	2	L
<i>Triglycerides</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.21 (0.10–0.32)	<0.001	5	1271	0	5	M
<i>Liver enzymes elevation</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.17 (0.04–0.31)	0.01	3	835	0	4	M
	Depression	Agomelatine	Fluoxetine	RR	3.02 (0.60–15.2)	0.18	2	1124	0	4	M
		Agomelatine	SSRI	RR	3.04 (0.90–10.2)	0.07	4	1755	0	4	M
		Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	2.13 (0.27–16.9)	0.48	2	262	0	3	L
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Mirtazapine	TCA	RR	0.50 (0.08–2.96)	>0.05	3	na	1	2	L
		Mirtazapine	Trazodone	RR	1.00 (0.10–9.46)	>0.05	2	300	1	2	L
<i>Waist circumference</i>											
Adults	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Asenapine	Olanzapine	MD ^a	-0.34 (-0.50 to -0.18)	<0.001	2	596	2	5	M
<i>Weight gain</i>											
Youth, adults	Bipolar disorder	Lithium	Active pharmacological	SMD	-0.40 (-0.70 to -0.10)	<0.05	4	1282	2	3	L
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Olanzapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	4.39 (1.35–14.3)	<0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	3.33 (2.01–5.50)	<0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	3.67 (2.27–5.94)	<0.001	9	2413	0	5	M
		Atypical antipsychotics	Active pharmacological	RR ^a	3.60 (2.60–5)	<0.05	3	1051	1	5	M
		Antipsychotics LAI	Antipsychotics oral	RR	0.86 (0.59–1.26)	0.44	3	347	1	3	L
		Aripiprazole + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.16 (0.66–2.03)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Aripiprazole + valproate	Valproate	RR	1.21 (0.08–19.5)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Lithium	Olanzapine	RR	1.05 (0.13–8.78)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Lithium	Valproate	RR	0.61 (0.07–5.15)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Lurasidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	2.03 (0.97–4.25)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Oxcarbazepine + lithium	Lithium	RR	2.78 (0.13–50)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Olanzapine	Risperidone	RR	0.53 (0.06–4.87)	>0.05	13 (1)	3558 (na)	1	5	M
		Risperidone LAI	SGA	RR	0.74 (0.54–1.02)	0.07	3	426	1	1	L
		Ziprasidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.03 (0.36–2.97)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	3.72 (2.46–5.63)	<0.05	7	na	1	5	M

Table 3. continued

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q	
Adults, Elderly	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Asenapine	Olanzapine	MD ^a	-0.40 (-0.57 to -0.24)	<0.001	2	596	2	5	M	
		Haloperidol + lithium or valproate	Risperidone	SMD	-0.4 (-1.17 to 0.36)	0.3	2	402	1	2	L	
		Atypical antipsychotics	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.75 (0.47-1.03)	<0.001	2	410	2	0	L	
		Atypical antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.63 (0.41-0.86)	<0.001	5	1097	2	3	L	
		Quetiapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.53 (0.36-0.69)	<0.001	2	562	2	2	L	
		Risperidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	SMD	0.51 (0.23-0.79)	<0.001	2	203	2	0	L	
		Valproate	Olanzapine	OR	0.44 (0.28-0.70)	0.001	4	867	2	4	M	
		Risperidone	Haloperidol	OR	2.01 (0.54-7.52)	0.30	2	402	2	4	M	
		Depression	Paroxetine	Maprotiline	OR	0.10 (0.01-0.81)	0.03	2	131	0	3	L
			Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	4.12 (1.02-16.6)	0.047	2	855	0	4	M
	Paroxetine		Mirtazapine	OR	0.26 (0.08-0.84)	0.03	3	726	0	3	L	
	Mirtazapine		SSRI	RR	3.80 (2.30-6.40)	<0.0001	9	na	1	3	L	
	Citalopram		Escitalopram	OR	1.21 (0.55-2.64)	>0.05	2	651	1	3	L	
	Citalopram		Reboxetine	OR	2.37 (0.61-9.19)	>0.05	2	458	1	2	L	
	Duloxetine		Paroxetine	OR	1.71 (0.28-10.6)	0.57	2	567	0	4	M	
	Fluvoxamine		Milnacipran	OR	0.51 (0.05-4.76)	0.55	2	127	1	2	L	
	Fluvoxamine		Milnacipran	OR	0.86 (0.34-2.16)	0.74	2	127	1	2	L	
	Fluvoxamine		TCA	OR	0.53 (0.25-1.09)	0.085	4	425	1	2	L	
	Olanzapine + fluoxetine		Fluoxetine	RR	2.53 (0.86-7.39)	0.09	5	3020	2	3	L	
	Olanzapine + fluoxetine		Olanzapine	RR	0.70 (0.41-1.20)	0.2	5	3020	2	3	L	
	Paroxetine		Fluoxetine	OR	0.99 (0.27-3.59)	0.99	2	276	0	2	L	
	Paroxetine		Duloxetine	OR	0.59 (0.09-3.63)	0.57	2	567	0	3	L	
	Paroxetine		Tricyclic antidepressants	OR	0.52 (0.14-1.98)	0.34	6	729	0	3	L	
	Depression		Amisulpride	Fluoxetine	OR	3.50 (1.02-12)	<0.05	2	304	1	2	L
		Brexiprazole + antidepressant	Placebo + antidepressant	RR	2.88 (1.87-4.42)	<0.0001	8	3370	1	5	M	
		Fluoxetine	Paroxetine	NNT	15 (9-38)	<0.05	4	na	1	2	L	
Fluoxetine		Doxepin	NNT	17 (10-46)	<0.05	4	na	1	2	L		
Fluoxetine		SSRI	NNT	23 (14-55)	<0.05	6	na	1	2	L		
Fluoxetine		Amitriptyline	NNT	25 (17-48)	<0.05	19	na	1	2	L		
Fluoxetine		Tricyclic antidepressants	NNT	39 (30-59)	<0.05	65	na	1	2	L		
Fluoxetine		Imipramine	NNT	40 (24-113)	<0.05	14	na	1	2	L		
<i>Weight loss</i>												
Adults		Depression	Fluvoxamine	TCA	OR	2.76 (1.20-6.34)	0.02	4	226	1	2	L
	Fluvoxamine		Imipramine	OR	1.88 (0.53-6.67)	0.33	2	66	1	2	L	
	Paroxetine		Duloxetine	OR	0.37 (0.06-2.18)	0.27	2	567	0	3	L	
	Paroxetine		Fluoxetine	OR	0.42 (0.11-1.55)	0.19	3	398	0	2	L	
	Paroxetine		Reboxetine	OR	0.88 (0.37-2.07)	0.77	3	1375	0	5	M	
Pain												
Adults	Depression	Duloxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.52 (0.17-1.60)	0.25	2	222	0	5	L	
		Duloxetine	Paroxetine	SMD	-0.11 (-0.24 to 0.02)	0.09	4	1105	0	5	M	
		Paroxetine	Duloxetine	OR	1.48 (0.74-2.94)	0.27	2	530	0	3	L	
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.93 (0.27-3.25)	0.91	3	1375	0	4	M	
		Paroxetine	Sertraline	OR	1.54 (0.26-9.00)	0.63	2	545	0	3	L	
Any adverse event, discontinuation due to adverse events												
<i>Any adverse event</i>												
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Ziprasidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.25 (1.01-1.56)	<0.05	2	949	0	4	M	
		Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.16 (1.09-1.24)	<0.001	10	2499	0	6	M	
		Risperidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.05 (0.87-1.26)	>0.05	3	274	0	3	L	
		Risperidone LAI	Atypical antipsychotics oral	RR	0.99 (0.92-1.05)	0.67	3	360	1	1	L	
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.18 (1.08-1.30)	<0.05	8	na	1	5	M	
		Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Antipsychotics	RR	0.62 (0.27-1.40)	>0.05	4	na	1	4	M	
		Lithium	Carbamazepine	RR	0.71 (0.49-1.02)	>0.05	2	139	2	2	L	
		Lithium	Lamotrigine	OR	0.89 (0.47-1.70)	0.73	2	272	2	2	L	
	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Lithium	Valproate	OR	0.99 (0.62-1.57)	0.97	2	298	2	2	L	
		Carbamazepine	Lithium	RR	1.37 (0.95-1.99)	0.10	2	135	1	4	M	
		Valproate	Lithium	OR	0.61 (0.25-1.50)	0.28	2	164	2	2	L	
		Depression	Citalopram	Amitriptyline	OR	0.43 (0.28-0.65)	<0.05	4	528	1	3	L
	Fluvoxamine		Moclobemide	OR	2.29 (1.35-3.88)	0.002	3	231	1	2	L	
	Paroxetine		Amitriptyline	OR	0.53 (0.39-0.72)	0.0001	16	2492	0	5	M	
	Citalopram		Imipramine	OR	1.82 (1.14-2.89)	<0.05	2	517	1	3	L	
	Paroxetine		Imipramine	OR	0.62 (0.42-0.94)	0.02	9	1189	0	5	M	
Paroxetine	TCA		OR	0.64 (0.53-0.77)	<0.0001	41	6099	0	6	M		
Fluvoxamine	TCA	OR	0.70 (0.49-0.98)	0.04	9	663	1	3	L			

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q		
		Agomelatine	Paroxetine	RR	0.86 (0.78–0.94)	0.001	2	905	0	3	L		
		Agomelatine	SSRI	RR	0.91 (0.84–0.98)	0.01	6	2490	0	4	M		
		Agomelatine	Fluoxetine	RR	1.00 (0.89–1.11)	0.19	2	1141	0	4	M		
		Agomelatine	Venlafaxine	RR	0.72 (0.44–1.18)	0.28	2	611	0	2	L		
		Citalopram	Escitalopram	OR	1.20 (0.97–1.47)	>0.05	7	1979	1	4	M		
		Citalopram	Fluoxetine	OR	1.10 (0.81–1.47)	>0.05	3	732	1	3	L		
		Citalopram	Sertraline	OR	0.67 (0.39–1.16)	>0.05	5	902	1	3	L		
		Citalopram	TCA	OR	0.65 (0.30–1.41)	>0.05	7	1088	1	4	M		
		Duloxetine	Escitalopram	OR	1.06 (0.75–1.50)	0.8	3	1112	0	5	M		
		Duloxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	1.03 (0.42–2.54)	0.9	2	222	0	2	L		
		Duloxetine	Paroxetine	OR	1.24 (0.99–1.55)	0.06	6	1870	0	5	M		
		Duloxetine	Venlafaxine	OR	1.32 (0.63–2.74)	0.5	2	823	0	3	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.66 (0.42–1.04)	0.07	3	327	1	3	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Clomipramine	OR	0.45 (0.14–1.43)	0.18	2	75	1	2	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Dothiepin	OR	1.10 (0.51–2.37)	0.53	2	125	1	2	L		
		Fluvoxamine	HCA	OR	1.24 (0.46–3.31)	0.67	3	144	1	2	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Imipramine	OR	0.55 (0.18–1.64)	0.28	2	136	1	1	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Maprotiline	OR	1.01 (0.17–6.00)	0.99	2	82	1	2	L		
		Fluvoxamine	Paroxetine	OR	0.95 (0.41–2.23)	0.91	3	281	1	2	L		
		Fluvoxamine	SSRI	OR	0.89 (0.53–1.51)	0.67	5	478	1	2	L		
		Olanzapine + fluoxetine	Olanzapine, fluoxetine	RR	1.01 (0.94–1.08)	0.83	5	3020	2	3	L		
		Paroxetine	Clomipramine	OR	0.56 (0.28–1.10)	0.09	4	1273	0	4	M		
		Paroxetine	Dothiepin	OR	1.04 (0.61–1.76)	0.88	2	405	0	3	L		
		Paroxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.94 (0.69–1.28)	0.69	9	2255	0	5	M		
		Paroxetine	Lofepamine	OR	1.25 (0.74–2.12)	0.41	2	228	0	2	L		
		Paroxetine	Maprotiline	OR	0.66 (0.28–1.55)	0.34	2	131	0	2	L		
		Paroxetine	Mianserin	OR	0.71 (0.41–1.22)	0.21	5	301	0	2	L		
		Paroxetine	Mirtazapine	OR	1.07 (0.76–1.50)	0.7	3	726	0	4	M		
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	1.08 (0.74–1.58)	0.7	3	1375	0	5	M		
		Paroxetine	Tianeptine	OR	1.26 (0.89–1.78)	0.19	2	604	0	4	M		
		Paroxetine	Venlafaxine	OR	1.01 (0.52–1.95)	0.98	2	200	0	2	L		
	Unipolar/ bipolar depression	Lamotrigine	Active pharmacological	RR	0.97 (0.74–1.29)	0.85	6	624	1	4	M		
Adults, Elderly	Depression	TCA	Antipsychotics	OR	2.00 (1.37–2.94)	<0.05	3	795	0	4	M		
		TCA	SSRI	OR	1.96 (1.25–3.13)	<0.05	3	1093	0	5	M		
		Fluoxetine	Clomipramine	RR	0.53 (0.32–0.88)	0.02	3	357	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Amitriptyline	RR	0.78 (0.66–0.91)	0.002	9	672	1	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	TCA	RR	0.84 (0.76–0.94)	<0.05	26	2169	1	4	L		
		Fluoxetine	Venlafaxine	RR	0.92 (0.86–1.00)	0.05	6	1379	1	4	L		
		Fluoxetine	Citalopram	RR	0.94 (0.78–1.13)	0.55	2	673	1	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	Dothiepin	RR	1.21 (0.98–1.50)	0.07	2	252	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Imipramine	RR	0.85 (0.59–1.22)	0.38	3	223	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Maprotiline	RR	0.94 (0.7–1.14)	0.59	3	209	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Mianserin	RR	1.02 (0.83–1.25)	0.84	2	93	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Moclobemide	RR	1.06 (0.97–1.16)	0.15	6	599	1	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	Paroxetine	RR	1.06 (0.87–1.28)	0.53	5	637	1	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	Reboxetine	RR	0.97 (0.85–1.12)	0.74	2	421	1	2	L		
		Fluoxetine	Sertraline	RR	1.00 (0.94–1.07)	0.79	7	1202	1	4	L		
		Fluoxetine	SSRI	RR	1.00 (0.9–1.04)	>0.05	15	2609	1	4	L		
		Fluoxetine	Tianeptine	RR	1.01 (0.73–1.41)	0.91	3	621	1	3	L		
		Fluoxetine	Trazodone	RR	1.08 (0.81–1.44)	0.57	2	83	1	2	L		
		Mirtazapine	Fluoxetine	OR	1.42 (0.97–2.09)	0.08	2	431	1	3	L		
		Mirtazapine	Paroxetine	OR	0.94 (0.66–1.32)	0.71	3	726	1	4	M		
		Mirtazapine	SSRI	OR	1.01 (0.81–1.26)	0.92	7	1773	1	5	M		
		Mirtazapine	TCA	OR	1.06 (0.54–2.10)	0.86	2	442	1	3	L		
		SSRI	Antipsychotics	OR	1.02 (0.72–1.43)	>0.05	5	800	1	4	M		
		TCA	MAO-I	OR	1.89 (0.97–3.70)	>0.05	2	347	0	2	L		
		Elderly	Depression	SSRI	Amitriptyline	RR	0.71 (0.50–0.99)	<0.05	2	455	1	3	L
		<i>Discontinuation due to adverse events</i>											
		Youth	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Valproate	Risperidone	OR	1.39 (0.35–5.52)	0.64	2	236	1	2	L
Duloxetine	Fluoxetine			OR	3.23 (1.05–7.69)	<0.05	34 (2)	5260	0	8	H		
Youth, Adults	Bipolar disorder	Aripiprazole	Active pharmacological	OR	0.71 (0.21–2.38)	0.58	3	na	2	3	L		
Adults	Bipolar disorder	Lamotrigine	Lithium	RR	0.25 (0.08–0.75)	<0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		
		Lithium + valproate	Valproate	RR	3.27 (1.09–9.82)	<0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M		

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
		Lithium	Quetiapine	RR	1.93 (1.08–3.44)	<0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.54 (1.10–2.17)	0.01	15	3997	0	6	M
		Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Antipsychotics	RR	0.46 (0.19–1.14)	0.1	2	375	0	3	L
		Antipsychotics LAI	Antipsychotics oral	RR	1.63 (0.60–4.45)	0.34	4	403	1	3	L
		Aripiprazole + lamotrigine	Lamotrigine	RR	1.56 (0.67–3.61)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Carbamazepine	Lithium	RR	1.24 (0.44–3.51)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Lithium + oxcarbazepine	Lithium	RR	1.67 (0.29–10.0)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Lithium + valproate	Lithium	RR	1.64 (0.61–4.35)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Lithium	Olanzapine	RR	1.23 (0.77–1.99)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Lithium	Valproate	RR	2.00 (0.67–6.02)	>0.05	21 (2)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Olanzapine	Risperidone	RR	1.01 (0.34–3.07)	>0.05	21 (1)	6107 (na)	1	6	M
		Aripiprazole + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.27 (0.17–9.64)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Lurasidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.98 (0.11–8.91)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Olanzapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.59 (0.07–5.23)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Quetiapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	2.13 (0.48–9.39)	>0.05	6 (2)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
		Risperidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.62 (0.14–2.67)	>0.05	2	253	0	2	L
		Risperidone LAI	SGA oral	RR	1.59 (0.67–3.77)	0.30	6	576	1	3	L
		Ziprasidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.65 (0.08–5.10)	>0.05	6 (1)	2398 (na)	1	4	M
	Bipolar disorder (mania)	Antipsychotics + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.39 (0.97–1.99)	>0.05	12	na	1	4	M
		Asenapine	Olanzapine	RR	1.29 (0.80–2.06)	>0.05	2	596	2	5	M
		Atypical antipsychotics	Active pharmacological	RR ^a	1.40 (0.70–2.60)	>0.05	4	684	1	4	M
		Haloperidol	Carbamazepine + lithium	RR	3.5 (0.39–31.5)	0.26	3	70	1	2	L
		Lithium	Lamotrigine	OR	1.02 (0.35–3.00)	0.97	2	273	2	2	L
	Bipolar disorder (mania or mixed)	Carbamazepine	Lithium	RR	3.00 (0.78–11.5)	0.11	3	187	1	4	M
		Olanzapine	Valproate	RR	1.11 (0.57–2.14)	0.76	2	371	2	0	L
		Quetiapine + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.84 (0.39–1.82)	0.65	2	593	2	2	L
		Risperidone + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	0.62 (0.15–2.69)	0.53	2	254	2	0	L
		SGA	Mood stabilizers	OR	0.85 (0.36–2.01)	0.71	4	666	2	1	L
		SGA + mood stabilizers	Mood stabilizers	RR	1.17 (0.47–2.93)	0.73	6	1396	2	3	L
		Valproate	Olanzapine	OR	0.61 (0.25–1.49)	0.28	3	616	2	4	M
	Depression	Fluoxetine	Clomipramine	OR	0.30 (0.12–0.79)	<0.05	2	263	1	1	L
		Agomelatine	Venlafaxine	RR	0.30 (0.15–0.59)	0.001	2	608	0	4	M
		Paroxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.38 (0.17–0.86)	0.02	3	1375	0	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.41 (0.23–0.71)	<0.05	16	1038	1	4	M
		Duloxetine	Escitalopram	OR	2.31 (1.15–4.65)	0.02	3	1120	0	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.47 (0.26–0.86)	< 0.05	10	1093	1	4	M
		Duloxetine	Venlafaxine	OR	1.93 (1.23–3.01)	0.004	3	1051	0	5	M
		Citalopram	TCA	OR	0.54 (0.38–0.78)	<0.05	8	1216	1	4	M
		Citalopram	Amitriptyline	OR	0.54 (0.34–0.87)	<0.05	3	484	1	2	L
		Fluoxetine	TCA	OR	0.55 (0.40–0.75)	<0.05	40	3647	1	4	M
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.58 (0.43–0.77)	0.0002	9	1268	0	5	M
		Paroxetine	Clomipramine	OR	0.59 (0.41–0.84)	0.004	4	1273	0	5	M
		Agomelatine	SSRI	RR	0.68 (0.51–0.91)	0.01	9	3377	0	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Venlafaxine	OR	0.72 (0.56–0.94)	<0.05	13	2640	1	4	M
		Paroxetine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.74 (0.56–0.98)	0.04	12	1698	0	6	M
		Paroxetine	Fluoxetine	OR	1.34 (1.06–1.70)	0.01	11	2491	0	6	M
		Paroxetine	TCA, HCA	OR	0.76 (0.63–0.92)	0.006	34	5175	0	6	M
		Paroxetine	TCA	RD ^a	–4.8 (–7.3 to –2.3)	<0.05	23	3755	0	4	M
		Agomelatine	Escitalopram	RR	0.40 (0.15–1.06)	0.07	2	462	0	4	M
		Agomelatine	Fluoxetine	RR	0.74 (0.50–1.09)	0.13	3	1413	0	4	M
		Agomelatine	Paroxetine	RR	0.83 (0.49–1.41)	0.49	3	1189	0	4	M
		Bupropion	SSRI	RR	1.08 (0.53–2.18)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
		Bupropion	Venlafaxine	RR	0.69 (0.44–1.10)	>0.05	3	1117	1	7	M
		Citalopram	Escitalopram	OR	1.09 (0.65–1.82)	>0.05	7	1989	1	4	M
		Citalopram	Fluoxetine	OR	1.46 (0.80–2.67)	>0.05	3	732	1	3	L
		Citalopram	HCA	OR	0.50 (0.21–1.18)	>0.05	2	432	1	2	L
		Citalopram	Imipramine	OR	0.65 (0.36–1.19)	>0.05	2	517	1	3	L
		Citalopram	Nortriptyline	OR	0.15 (0.02–1.34)	>0.05	2	101	1	1	L
		Citalopram	Reboxetine	OR	0.40 (0.13–1.27)	>0.05	3	494	1	2	L
		Citalopram	Sertraline	OR	0.69 (0.43–1.09)	>0.05	4	860	1	3	L
		Citalopram	SSRI	RR	1.70 (0.65–4.45)	>0.05	4	600	1	2	L
		Duloxetine	Paroxetine	OR	1.19 (0.80–1.75)	0.4	6	1821	0	5	M
		Duloxetine	SSRI	RR	0.98 (0.59–1.65)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Agomelatine	OR	1.50 (0.73–3.08)	>0.05	2	785	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Amineptine	OR	0.52 (0.03–7.82)	>0.05	2	232	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Bupropion	OR	1.01 (0.45–2.25)	>0.05	2	436	1	2	L

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Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
		Fluoxetine	Desipramine	OR	0.27 (0.04–1.68)	>0.05	2	104	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Dothiepin	OR	2.05 (0.59–7.16)	>0.05	5	478	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Doxepine	OR	0.82 (0.44–1.53)	>0.05	3	283	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Duloxetine	OR	0.28 (0.07–1.23)	>0.05	2	532	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Escitalopram	OR	1.17 (0.64–2.12)	>0.05	2	578	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Maprotiline	OR	0.53 (0.15–1.93)	>0.05	3	209	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Milnacipran	OR	1.50 (0.81–2.76)	>0.05	3	560	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Mirtazapine	OR	0.95 (0.54–1.66)	>0.05	4	600	1	2	L
		Fluoxetine	Moclobemide	OR	1.04 (0.54–2.01)	>0.05	7	721	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Nefazodone	OR	0.76 (0.32–1.81)	>0.05	4	286	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Reboxetine	OR	0.40 (0.10–1.61)	>0.05	2	211	1	1	L
		Fluoxetine	Sertraline	OR	1.25 (0.92–1.70)	>0.05	9	1591	1	4	M
		Fluoxetine	Tianeptine	OR	1.13 (0.71–1.80)	>0.05	3	830	1	3	L
		Fluoxetine	Trazodone	OR	0.66 (0.20–2.19)	>0.05	3	110	1	1	L
		Fluvoxamine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.59 (0.35–1.00)	0.051	5	420	1	3	L
		Fluvoxamine	Clomipramine	OR	0.70 (0.24–1.98)	0.50	3	158	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Desipramine	OR	1.00 (0.13–7.89)	1	2	87	1	1	L
		Fluvoxamine	Dothiepin	OR	1.25 (0.47–3.32)	0.66	2	125	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Fluoxetine	OR	0.86 (0.19–3.89)	0.85	2	153	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	HCA	OR	0.80 (0.33–1.97)	0.63	5	247	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Imipramine	OR	0.91 (0.63–1.32)	0.63	11	908	1	4	M
		Fluvoxamine	Maprotiline	OR	0.32 (0.01–8.26)	0.5	2	82	1	1	L
		Fluvoxamine	Mianserin	OR	0.75 (0.20–2.77)	0.66	2	125	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Milnacipran	OR	2.38 (0.73–7.78)	0.15	3	240	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Moclobemide	OR	1.51 (0.64–3.53)	0.35	3	231	1	2	L
		Fluvoxamine	Paroxetine	OR	0.95 (0.28–3.26)	0.94	4	334	1	1	L
		Fluvoxamine	Sertraline	OR	1.29 (0.15–11.3)	0.82	3	238	1	1	L
		Fluvoxamine	SSRI	OR	1.19 (0.62–2.28)	0.6	8	942	1	3	L
		Fluvoxamine	TCA	OR	0.79 (0.60–1.04)	0.09	24	1772	1	5	M
		Mirtazapine	SSRI	RR	1.17 (0.69–2.00)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
		Moclobemide	SSRI	RR	0.60 (0.30–1.30)	0.25	12	1207	2	6	M
		Nefazodone	SSRI	RR	1.35 (0.86–3.73)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
		Paroxetine	Bupropion	OR	0.61 (0.24–1.55)	0.3	2	240	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Dothiepin	OR	1.70 (0.78–3.70)	0.18	2	405	0	3	L
		Paroxetine	Escitalopram	OR	1.43 (0.51–4.00)	0.5	2	784	0	3	L
		Paroxetine	Fluvoxamine	OR	1.16 (0.19–7.16)	0.87	3	261	0	1	L
		Paroxetine	Lofeframine	OR	1.19 (0.45–3.15)	0.72	2	228	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Maprotiline	OR	0.77 (0.01–70.9)	0.91	2	131	0	1	L
		Paroxetine	Mianserin	RD ^a	−6 (−23.2 to 11.2)	>0.05	2	128	0	0	L
		Paroxetine	Mirtazapine	OR	1.35 (0.83–2.21)	0.23	3	726	0	4	M
		Paroxetine	Nefazodone	RD	−4 (−20.5 to 12.6)	>0.05	2	246	0	0	L
		Paroxetine	Sertraline	RD ^a	5.4 (−0.6 to 11.3)	>0.05	2	572	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	SSRI	RD ^a	1.4 (−1.9 to 4.8)	>0.05	11	1832	0	4	M
		Paroxetine	Venlafaxine	OR	0.88 (0.50–1.56)	0.66	5	974	0	4	M
		SSRI	TCA	RR	0.51 (0.25–1.05)	>0.05	9	590	1	2	L
		SSRI	Tetracyclic antidepressants	RR	0.60 (0.28–1.30)	>0.05	2	194	1	1	L
		SSRI	SNRI	RR	1.58 (0.21–12.2)	>0.05	2	82	1	1	L
		SSRI/SNRI	CBT	RR	2.97 (0.69–12.8)	>0.05	4	524	2	1	L
		SSRI/SNRI	CBT + SSRI	RR	2.93 (0.72–11.9)	>0.05	2	256	2	0	L
		Trazodone	SSRI	RR	0.92 (0.44–1.91)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
		Venlafaxine	SSRI	RR	1.42 (1.15–1.75)	>0.05	83 ^b	17000 ^b	1	3	L
	Unipolar/ bipolar depression	Lamotrigine	Active pharmacological	RR	1.45 (0.62–3.40)	0.39	6	na	1	3	L
	Chronic medical conditions, Depression	SSRI	TCA	RR	0.90 (0.54–1.51)	>0.05	8	441	1	3	L
Adults, Elderly	Depression	Mirtazapine	Sertraline	OR	2.88 (1.43–5.77)	0.003	2	596	1	4	M
		TCA	SSRI	OR	2.00 (1.40–2.87)	<0.05	3	1093	0	6	M
		TCA	Antipsychotics	OR	1.64 (1.10–2.45)	<0.05	3	795	0	5	M
		Fluoxetine	TCA	RR	0.61 (0.52–0.71)	<0.05	43	na	1	2	L
		Fluoxetine	Mixed antidepressants	RR	0.79 (0.67–0.93)	<0.05	40	na	1	2	L
		Fluoxetine	SSRI	RR	1.04 (0.84–1.29)	>0.05	19	na	1	2	L
		Mirtazapine	Amitriptyline	OR	0.60 (0.351.03)	0.07	6	929	1	4	M
		Mirtazapine	Fluoxetine	OR	1.05 (0.62–1.78)	0.85	4	600	1	3	L
		Mirtazapine	Paroxetine	OR	0.74 (0.45–1.21)	0.23	3	726	1	4	M
		Mirtazapine	SSRI	OR	1.26 (0.85–1.86)	0.25	11	2604	1	4	M
		Mirtazapine	TCA	OR	0.65 (0.41–1.03)	0.07	8	1266	1	5	M

Table 3. continued

Age group	Population	Intervention	Control	ES type	ES (95% CI)	p-value	k	n	R	C	Q
Post-stroke depression		Mirtazapine	Trazodone	OR	0.61 (0.25–1.51)	0.29	2	300	1	2	L
		Mirtazapine	Venlafaxine	OR	0.55 (0.24–1.24)	0.15	2	415	1	3	L
		SSRI	Antipsychotics	OR	0.82 (0.55–1.23)	>0.05	5	800	1	5	M
		TCA	MAO-I	OR	1.40 (0.64–3.08)	>0.05	2	347	0	3	L
		Doxepine	Paroxetine	OR	100 (1.85–1000)	<0.05	14 (1)	949 (48)	0	2	L
		Citalopram	Duloxetine	OR	0.02 (0.01–25.0)	>0.05	14 (1)	949 (40)	0	2	L
		Citalopram	Sertraline	OR	3.70 (0.13–20.0)	>0.05	14 (1)	949 (40)	0	2	L
		Fluoxetine	Nortriptyline	OR	1.79 (0.20–7.14)	>0.05	14 (1)	949 (39)	0	2	L
		Duloxetine	Sertraline	OR	6.67 (0.01–33.3)	>0.05	14 (2)	949 (70)	0	2	L
		Paroxetine	Imipramine	OR	0.001 (0.0001–1.66)	>0.05	14 (1)	949 (60)	0	2	L
Elderly	Depression	SSRI	TCA	RR	0.67 (0.48–0.94)	<0.05	8	1266	1	5	M

^aEffect size could not be recalculated as standardized measure, ^bReported total number of studies and subjects included in the (NMA, ACT Acceptance commitment therapy, C Quality as per AMSTAR-Content score 0–9, youth, children and adolescents, CBT Cognitive behavioural therapy, CI Confidence interval, *d* Cohen's *d*, EKG Electrocardiogram, ES Effect size, *g* Hedges' *g*, HbA1c Glycated hemoglobin, HCA Heterocyclic antidepressants, HDL High density lipoproteins, *k* Number of studies (in brackets number of direct comparisons in NMAs results), LDL Low density lipoproteins, MAO-I Mono amino oxidase inhibitors, MD Mean difference, *n* Number of subjects (in brackets number of subjects in direct comparisons in NMAs results), *na* Not assessed, NNH Number needed to harm, NNT Number needed to treat, OR Odds ratio, Q Overall quality rating (L low, M Medium, H High; see methods section), R Recommendation as stated by authors (see methods section), RD Risk difference, RR Risk ratio, SMD Standardized mean difference, SNRI Serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors, SSRI Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, TCA Tricyclic antidepressants. Results are presented for age group and diagnosis, first all significant ESs in **bold** in order of ES magnitude, then all other results in alphabetical order for intervention and comparison. Negative values of SMD and OR/RR values < 1 indicate clinical benefit of intervention over control (e.g., glucose decrease, weight loss, cardiorespiratory fitness increase, better tolerated).

psychological treatments (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=9/2), mixed pharmacological treatments (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content = 9/1), or any of these interventions (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/4). CBT alone did not replicate this result.

When only T2DM was included, versus TAU, mixed psychosocial interventions significantly reduced both fasting glucose and 2 h postprandial glucose levels (both large ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/3). Psychological interventions reduced HbA1c (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content=7/2), whilst collaborative care did not.

Hormones

Adults. Insulin levels were not modified by quetiapine immediate-release (IR)/extended-release (XR) versus placebo in BD depression, nor by antipsychotic augmentation of mood stabilizers (MS) in BD.

In adults with depression, neither physical exercise versus TAU, or mixed psychological interventions versus inactive/active treatments modified cortisol levels.

No data on other hormones was found.

Pain

Adults. In adults with depression, versus placebo, SSRIs (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=5/6), serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=5/7) duloxetine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=1/5) and paroxetine (MD = -5.8 on VAS scale, AMSTAR/Content=8/2) reduced pain. No difference emerged comparing duloxetine to paroxetine/fluoxetine, or comparing paroxetine to sertraline/reboxetine.

Collaborative care versus TAU proved beneficial on a composite measure of pain and physical functioning in people with comorbid depression and arthritis or cancer (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3, 9/2).

IATROGENIC EFFECTS OF PHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

Body weight and body mass index

Youth. In youth with bipolar depression, versus placebo, olanzapine+fluoxetine yielded significant weight gain (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content=8/4).

In youth and adults with BD, aripiprazole and lithium showed no difference in weight gain (WG) compared to placebo; lithium had also a better profile compared to other drugs (ES = small, AMSTAR/

Content=8/3). In the depressive phase of BD, versus placebo, quetiapine induced WG (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 8/4).

Adults. In adults with BD, versus placebo, WG emerged for second-generation antipsychotics (SGA) combined (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=5/5), also in LAI formulation (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/4). Versus active drugs, WG emerged for SGAs versus other antipsychotics/MS/combination of antipsychotic with antidepressant (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=5/5), olanzapine versus lithium (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 7/5), antipsychotics augmenting MS (especially olanzapine and quetiapine), olanzapine, quetiapine (all moderate ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/5, 7/3, 7/4).

In the manic phase of BD, versus placebo, asenapine induced WG (NNH = 19, AMSTAR/Content=4/4), as did olanzapine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=8/6), risperidone (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 8/5), SGAs (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=8/3), ziprasidone (NNH = 21, AMSTAR/Content=4/3), and valproate (NNH = 30, AMSTAR/Content=4/4). No difference emerged for aripiprazole, cariprazine, haloperidol alone or as augmentation to lithium or valproate, or for paliperidone. Versus olanzapine, asenapine induced less waist circumference increase and WG (MD = -0.34/-0.40, AMSTAR/Content = 7/5), and valproate less WG (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 11/4).

In the depressive phase of BD, versus placebo, WG emerged for olanzapine (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content=10/3), cariprazine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=10/6), quetiapine XR (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=9/4) and IR (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/4), SGA (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 7/6). Lurasidone and aripiprazole did not affect weight. Modafinil and anti-ADHD medications protected against WG (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3, 7/7).

In adults with depression, versus placebo, WG emerged for aripiprazole (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 9/2), brexpiprazole (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=7/6), olanzapine (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content = 9/2) and quetiapine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/2). In head-to-head trials, fluoxetine showed less WG than tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) (NNT = 39, AMSTAR/Content = 3/2), SSRIs (NNT = 23, AMSTAR/Content = 3/2), amitriptyline (NNT = 25, AMSTAR/Content = 3/2), doxepin (NNT = 17, AMSTAR/Content=3/2), imipramine (NNT = 40, AMSTAR/Content=3/2) and paroxetine (NNT = 15, AMSTAR/Content=3/2). Paroxetine was less likely to lead to WG than maprotiline (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content = 10/3) and mirtazapine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 10/3), but more than reboxetine

(ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 10/4). Mirtazapine caused more WG than SSRI (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 4/3).

When both adults and elderly patients were included, augmentation of antidepressants with brexpiprazole led to significant WG (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/5), as did amisulpride compared to fluoxetine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 10/2).

In adults with unipolar/bipolar depression, compared to placebo, lurasidone caused weight gain (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 11/6).

Elderly. No (N)MA included elderly patients only.

Cardiovascular and respiratory system

Youth. No data on youth with BD was found. In youth with depression, versus placebo, SSRIs and TCAs did not affect respiratory symptoms, without effect of SSRIs on postural hypotension. SSRIs lowered systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/8, 8/7). Paroxetine lowered SBP, fluoxetine lowered DBP (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/7, 8/6). Versus SNRIs, SSRIs lowered SBP and DBP (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/7), results confirmed when including also adult patients (SBP and DBP small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/8, 8/7).

Adults. In adults with BD, antipsychotic augmentation of MS yielded no difference on EKG abnormalities, QTc change, or orthostatic hypotension.

In adults with depression, versus placebo, levomilnacipran increased hypertension (NNH = 75, AMSTAR/Content = 2/5) and tachycardia (NNH = 25, AMSTAR/Content=2/5), amitriptyline increased tachycardia (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 9/2), while imipramine caused more palpitations (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 10/3). Versus SNRIs, SSRIs decreased blood pressure (SBP and DBP small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/8). Combined hypertension/tachycardia was more frequent with amitriptyline than mirtazapine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/3) and with milnacipran than fluvoxamine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 8/1); fluvoxamine reduced hypotension/bradycardia versus TCAs (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3) and imipramine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 9/4). Versus paroxetine, reboxetine yielded less hypotension (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/5) but more dyspnea (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=10/4).

Elderly. In elderly patients with depression, fluoxetine yielded more (unclearly defined) cardiovascular reactions than escitalopram and sertraline (both large ES, AMSTAR/Content=8/4), but did not differ from citalopram/paroxetine.

Glucose metabolism

Youth. In youth with bipolar depression, lurasidone, olanzapine +fluoxetine and quetiapine IR/XR were neutral. In youth and adults with BD, versus placebo, aripiprazole significantly decreased fasting glucose (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/2).

Adults. In adults, versus placebo, a significant increase in fasting glucose emerged for asenapine during mania (MD = 0.20, AMSTAR/Content = 7/5), but not in BD depression for aripiprazole, cariprazine, lurasidone, olanzapine and quetiapine IR/XR. Olanzapine increased HbA1c in adults when pooling data from all phases of BD (NNH = 69, AMSTAR/Content = 2/3) but not when restricting analyses to BD depression only. In BD, HbA1c was not modified by asenapine, lurasidone, and quetiapine IR/XR. Versus active drugs, antipsychotic augmentation of MS increased fasting glucose and HbA1c (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/5, 7/4).

Lipid profile

Youth. In youth with bipolar depression, versus placebo, olanzapine+fluoxetine increased total cholesterol and

triglycerides (MD = 20.5/38.6, AMSTAR/Content=8/4), quetiapine IR/XR triglycerides (MD = 34.9, AMSTAR/Content=8/3), while lurasidone decreased LDL cholesterol and triglycerides (MD = -5.90/-13.4, AMSTAR/Content=8/4). In youth and adults with BD, versus placebo, aripiprazole significantly decreased total cholesterol (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/2), without altering high-density lipoprotein (HDL) /triglycerides levels.

Adults. In adults with BD, versus placebo, no antipsychotic modified total and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol or triglycerides. A significant increase in triglycerides emerged for antipsychotic augmentation of MS (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=7/5), without altering total cholesterol/HDL/LDL.

In BD depression, versus placebo, olanzapine increased total cholesterol (MD = 7.06, AMSTAR/Content=10/6). Lurasidone and quetiapine IR/ XR were neutral on lipid profile.

No data were available for people with unipolar depression.

Liver enzymes

Adults. In manic or mixed phase of BD, olanzapine significantly increased liver enzymes compared to placebo (ES = large, AMSTAR/Content=8/4).

Discontinuation due to adverse events, any adverse event

Youth. In youth with bipolar depression, placebo was more tolerated than olanzapine+fluoxetine, but less than quetiapine IR/ XR (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 8/4, 8/3). In youth and adults with BD, compared to placebo, aripiprazole was less tolerated in any phase, valproate in manic phase, quetiapine in depressive phase (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/4, 8/4, 8/4).

In youth with depression, more discontinuation than placebo emerged for SNRIs, SSRI/SNRI (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/6) and duloxetine, which was also less tolerated than fluoxetine (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content=11/8). No difference emerged for SSRIs, both grouped and individually.

Considering any adverse event, in youth with depression, compared to placebo, SSRIs grouped and paroxetine were less tolerated (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 10/3), but not other SSRIs, while in adolescents less tolerability emerged for any antidepressant (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 10/5). In youth and adults in depressive phase of BD, compared to placebo, quetiapine yielded more adverse events (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 8/4).

Adults. In adults with BD, lithium was less tolerated than placebo (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=5/6). More intolerability-related discontinuation was observed also with long-acting injectable antipsychotics (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=9/4), while better tolerability emerged for asenapine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=5/6). In head-to-head comparisons, lithium was less tolerated than lamotrigine (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 5/6), quetiapine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=5/6) and when augmenting valproate (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 5/6).

In the manic phase of BD, compared to placebo, worse tolerability emerged for cariprazine, carbamazepine, ziprasidone (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/8, 8/2, 8/3) and valproate (NNH = 25, AMSTAR/Content = 4/4), and in the depressive phase for SGAs, quetiapine IR/XR, aripiprazole (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/6, 10/7, 10/5) and lamotrigine (NNH = 27, AMSTAR/Content = 4/5).

In adults with depression, compared to placebo, intolerability-related discontinuation was greater with amitriptyline (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content=9/5), aripiprazole, brexpiprazole, quetiapine XR, fluoxetine and paroxetine (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content=8/5, 7/6, 8/5, 3/6, 8/5). In head-to-head comparisons, agomelatine was better tolerated than SSRI and venlafaxine (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content=10/4, 10/3), and fluoxetine than paroxetine (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/6), while TCAs were less tolerated than citalopram, fluoxetine, and paroxetine (all small

ES, AMSTAR/Content=10/4, 10/4, 10/6). Finally, augmentation of antidepressant treatment with brexpiprazole compared to placebo yielded more intolerability-related discontinuation both in adults (NNH = 54, AMSTAR/Content = 2/5) and adults+elderly (small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/5).

When combining adults and elderly with depression, compared to placebo, higher discontinuation emerged for TCA (ES = moderate, AMSTAR/Content = 10/6), MAO-I, SSRI (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/6, 10/6); TCA were also less tolerated than SSRI and antipsychotics (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/6, 10/5), while mirtazapine was less tolerated than sertraline (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content = 10/4). In post-stroke depression, worse tolerability emerged for doxepin compared both to placebo and paroxetine (both large ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/2, 8/2).

Considering any adverse event, in adults with BD higher rates were observed with augmentation of MS with any antipsychotic or ziprasidone (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 7/6, 7/4), but not risperidone. In manic phase of BD, this was observed again with augmentation of MS with any antipsychotic, and with valproate compared to placebo (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 9/5, 11/4).

In adults with depression, compared to placebo more adverse events were observed with dextroamphetamine, amitriptyline (both moderate ES, AMSTAR/Content = 8/4, 9/2), aripiprazole, brexpiprazole, bupropion, fluoxetine, lisdexamphetamine, paroxetine, venlafaxine, vortioxetine (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/7, 10/7, 8/3, 8/3, 8/5, 8/5, 8/5, 8/3), but not mirtazapine. In head-to-head comparisons, fluvoxamine and paroxetine (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 9/3, 10/6) had less adverse events than TCAs, and agomelatine less than SSRI and paroxetine (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/4, 10/3). Furthermore, citalopram, while being better tolerated than amitriptyline, was less tolerated than imipramine (both small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/3).

In both unipolar and bipolar depression, lamotrigine was equally tolerated as placebo or other active drugs.

In adults and elderly with depression, SNRI yielded more adverse events than placebo (ES = small, AMSTAR/Content=10/6), as TCA did compared to placebo, SSRI and antipsychotics (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 10/6, 10/5, 10/4).

Elderly. In elderly with depression, higher discontinuation emerged for SSRI and SNRI compared to placebo, and for TCA and amitriptyline compared to SSRI (all small ES, AMSTAR/Content = 9/5, 9/5, 9/5, 9/3).

DISCUSSION

To our knowledge, this umbrella review of meta-analyses is the first to systematically and quantitatively report on effects of pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions on physical health outcomes in people with mood disorders. Along with presenting the available meta-analytic findings, this review also sheds new light on those areas where top tier evidence is currently lacking. Therefore, these findings should help guide current clinical practice, while also identifying where future research should focus.

Overall, compared to placebo, out of 333 associations, 205 (61.6%) were neutral, 93 (27.9%) were worse, and 35 (10.5%) were better. Against active comparison, out of 372 comparisons, 265 (71.2%) were neutral. For the 235 significant effect sizes, the magnitude was small in 77.0%, moderate in 16.2%, and large in 6.8%.

Regarding non-pharmacological interventions, all were delivered with the purpose to ameliorate physical health outcomes in people with depression. When compared to TAU/wait-list/placebo, psychosocial interventions had small to moderate effect sizes in improving diabetes, namely glycated hemoglobin, fasting and post-prandial glycaemia. CBT for diabetic patients with comorbid depression had also a moderate effect, but only on fasting glucose. Exercise, on the other hand, was moderately efficacious in

ameliorating cardiorespiratory fitness in people with depression, which is associated with risk for cardiovascular and all-cause premature mortality in the general population [34], with mental and PHQoL among people with BD [35], with risk of developing depression [36], and recurrent depressive episodes [37]. Finally, both psychosocial interventions and physical exercise led to improved PHQoL, with small or moderate effect sizes. No clear data were found for head-to-head comparisons between non-pharmacological and pharmacological interventions, since in the few available studies, intervention and control conditions were of mixed nature, making a reliable comparison between the arms unfeasible. No data was found regarding the included acceptability/tolerability outcomes.

With regards to pharmacological interventions, across 49 pharmacological strategies, 28 differed significantly from the control condition on various physical health outcomes. Only antidepressants were assessed for a direct beneficial effect, and only in people with unipolar depression, with or without a comorbid medical condition. Compared to placebo, SSRIs were protective against CHD readmission with a small effect. Considering metabolic outcomes, glycemic control (fasting glucose and HbA1c) in people with comorbid depression and diabetes was ameliorated by SSRIs versus placebo with a small effect, while a large effect on HbA1c was observed with pooled pharmacological interventions for depression when the control group included also wait-list and TAU. No data on lipids were available. For pain relief, compared to placebo, both SSRIs and SNRIs, in particular duloxetine and paroxetine, had a small beneficial effect, without differences in head-to-head comparisons.

Considering iatrogenic effects of medications, data on antipsychotics derived largely from (N)MAs in patients with BD, in any, manic or depressive phase, and considered mainly glucose, lipids and weight-related parameters. Compared to placebo, olanzapine showed the worst profile, followed by asenapine, and quetiapine. Our findings regarding glucose metabolism for treatment with quetiapine seem to contradict some literature [38] on different disorders and drug label; results of this work must be interpreted also accounting for evidence on the same molecule in other disorders. Interestingly, aripiprazole led to WG only in unipolar depression. While this finding could reflect moderation by diagnosis, which has not been directly tested or demonstrated, it could also reflect an order effect, i.e., the higher likelihood of prior exposure to WG-inducing medications, such as other antipsychotics or mood stabilizers in BD versus depressive disorders, attenuating further WG during the subsequent exposure to aripiprazole. In this context of mainly non-antipsychotic-naïve patients, aripiprazole seems to also improve fasting glucose and total cholesterol, each with a small effect. These results should however be considered cautiously since they rely on short-term data, while longer-term data in the same MA showed no significant differences with aripiprazole from placebo. Moreover, notably, in adults with bipolar depression lurasidone appeared to be neutral for all extracted glucose- and lipid-related outcomes, and even advantageous in youth. The observed WG with lurasidone in unipolar/bipolar depression requires caution in interpretation: in that MA this refers to lower doses, while at higher doses the effect was neutral. In head-to-head comparisons, worsening of glucose metabolism (but not lipids) and WG emerged for antipsychotic augmentation of MS. Regarding tolerability, compared to placebo, antipsychotics, both grouped and individual, showed a higher rate of intolerability-related discontinuation. Comparing different pharmacological interventions, more frequent adverse events and related treatment discontinuation was observed with antipsychotic augmentation of MS, ziprasidone in particular. Notably, data on cardiovascular safety were not widely available.

Considering mood stabilizers, again assessed almost only in BD, both lithium and valproate did not lead to significant WG compared

to placebo, and lithium did not also when compared to other MS and SGA, without other data on metabolic or cardiovascular outcomes for these and other MS. Tolerability was worse with lithium, valproate and lamotrigine in BD (in any, manic, or depressive phase), while lamotrigine did not differ from placebo when the population included both unipolar and bipolar depression.

Antidepressants were assessed in people with unipolar depression, with or without a comorbid medical condition. Compared to placebo, antidepressants had a very small lowering effect on both SBP and DBP; among individual compounds, this was observed with fluoxetine for DBP, and with paroxetine for SBP. In direct drug comparisons, SSRIs had a lower hypertensive effect than SNRIs (small) and imipramine (moderate). For general cardiovascular health, in elderly patients, fluoxetine showed a very large worsening effect compared to sertraline and escitalopram. A small effect on weight gain emerged for augmentation of antidepressants with brexpiprazole, while in direct comparisons paroxetine was worse than reboxetine but better than maprotiline and mirtazapine, with a moderate to large effect. A moderate effect for weight gain emerged for mirtazapine also compared to SSRI. Considering tolerability, in depression, in general all pharmacological classes were less tolerated than placebo; SSRIs were better tolerated than TCAs, while no significant differences emerged comparing SSRIs-SSRIs and SSRIs-SNRIs, with the exception of duloxetine for higher intolerability-related discontinuation rates. ES magnitude ranged from small to moderate.

No data emerged regarding possible advantages/caveats of treatments for mood disorders for COVID-19-related diseases. The need for more RCTs on this topic, considering the potential disadvantages that mood disorders may cause, has been highlighted by a recent review [39].

The AMSTAR methodology score of included (N)MAs was overall high, while quality of included RCTs (AMSTAR Content score) was more variable and rarely high. High overall quality scores pertained to outcomes regarding pharmacological interventions in youth with unipolar depression, in particular blood pressure and overall tolerability. Data on cardiovascular outcomes, lipids, and pain, quasi exclusively of pharmacological nature and in adults, was supported by mainly medium overall quality scores; this was true also for WG and tolerability outcomes in BD patients, while in patients with depression data had more low-quality comparisons. This low-quality assessment refers also to interventions targeting direct improvement of physical health outcomes. Glucose metabolism-related outcomes showed a higher frequency of low-quality comparisons, both for pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions, with the exceptions of collaborative care and antipsychotic augmentation of MS, which were supported by medium quality. Also, cardiorespiratory fitness outcomes were characterized by low overall quality.

Meta-regression analyses were possible for very few outcomes, namely any adverse event, intolerability-related discontinuation and WG, and only for pharmacological interventions. With an active comparator, AMSTAR methodology and Total scores showed a negative moderating effect on intolerability-related discontinuation and weight gain, thus indicating smaller between-drug differences in higher-quality (N)MAs. Higher quality also contributed to magnify between-drugs adverse events frequency.

Based on the results of this comprehensive umbrella review, psychosocial interventions showed the most beneficial effects on diabetes-related parameters. Conversely, treatment with antipsychotics (SGAs in particular) had the highest risk profile for worsening glucose metabolism, lipids profile and of inducing WG. Exercise seems to be important in improving cardiorespiratory fitness and physical health-related quality of life. Related to comorbid pain, SNRIs and SSRIs have small beneficial effects, they can also reduce readmission rates when CHD is present. In elderly patients, sertraline and escitalopram should be preferred over

fluoxetine. In a recent meta-review on people with schizophrenia [28], non-pharmacological interventions (e.g., diet/lifestyle-oriented, CBT) were also beneficial on a range of aurological and metabolic outcomes, as did modification of previous pharmacotherapy with olanzapine or quetiapine. However, in that population evidence of efficacy emerged also for non-psychotropic medications, such as metformin and topiramate, for which no data was found in our review, leaving unanswered the question of a possible maintained or differential effect of those drugs also in mood disorders population.

NICE guidelines for depression [40, 41] and EPA guidelines [42, 43] cite both pharmacological (SSRI) and non-pharmacological (physical exercise, CBT) interventions as first-line treatments, while collaborative care (which is a structured psychosocial intervention, delivered by both primary care physicians and mental health professionals, that comprises case management, close collaboration between primary and secondary physical health services and specialist mental health services in the delivery of services, the provision of a range of evidence-based interventions, and the long term coordination of care and follow-up) [40, 41] is reserved for non-responders. Anyway, physical health-related harms and benefits are not clearly considered. CANMAT guidelines for depression [44–46] recognize a role for psychotherapy, especially CBT, to improve adherence to medical interventions. Our findings further support offering a psychosocial intervention early in treatment, especially in people with comorbid diabetes, to improve physical health and medical comorbidity management, and to prefer SSRI as pharmacological choice. Also, from our results CBT alone improved fasting glucose, but not HbA1c, while collaborative care did. The benefit of physical exercise on cardiorespiratory fitness is also in line with EPA guidelines [47]. Considering safety of pharmacological interventions, both NICE and CANMAT guidelines suggest as antidepressants augmentation strategies lithium, aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine and risperidone; our review can contribute to a better risk/benefit-based choice.

Considering bipolar disorder, both NICE [48] and CANMAT [49] guidelines suggest offering a psychotherapy in bipolar depression and/or in maintenance phases, but focusing only on mental health-related outcomes, and unfortunately in our review no new data emerged regarding possible physical health benefits. Our results on iatrogenic effects of medications are instead largely supported by CANMAT guidelines, emphasizing high safety concerns for augmentation of a MS with an AP, and with olanzapine having the worst profile on weight and metabolic syndrome. Lurasidone is recognized as having no to little safety concerns in monotherapy, while having more issues in combination with MS. Interestingly, asenapine is given only some risk for WG in long-term use, while our results denoted detrimental metabolic effects also early in treatment.

Taken together, our data offer clinicians perspectives on the potential best evidence-based methods to address specific physical health issues in people with affective disorders, or at least to prevent poor physical health by choosing safer medications. In patients with affective disorders and diabetes, clinicians should consider both pharmacotherapy and psychosocial interventions such as collaborative care. CBT seems less promising, as it ameliorates fasting glucose but not HbA1c. Physical exercise should also be considered due to its beneficial effects on cardiorespiratory fitness in this population, along with the broader benefits for physical and mental health established elsewhere [50]. Clinicians should also keep in mind the potentially harming effects of SGAs, in particular olanzapine, thus preferring other drugs when a comorbidity is present and, in any case, carefully monitoring metabolic blood parameters and weight. Painful symptoms in patients with depression can benefit from treatment with SSRIs or SNRIs. Furthermore, in patients suffering from affective disorders and CHD, SSRIs may be preferred to other classes of antidepressants, with a careful choice of the single molecule, in particular in elderly patients.

We acknowledge the body of evidence we have summarized in this umbrella review is broad and heterogeneous. We have a-priori planned to account for such heterogeneity, by not combining different population/intervention/control/outcome combination. We would point out that, in virtue of such a-priori approach that does not mix apples and oranges, providing a one-stop-shop synopsis of such a broad body of evidence can be a strength of this umbrella review. Nevertheless, this umbrella review has some limitations. First, although the included meta-analyses were the most updated and/or largest for each specific intervention and outcome, this approach might have led to the exclusion of higher quality MAs with lower sample sizes/number of included studies. Second, interventions tested in individual RCTs for which no (N)MA existed were not included. Third, due to limited data for participant characteristics and interventional designs, conducting meta-regression analyses was possible for a minority of a priori considered outcomes. Fourth, while the overall quality of the methods of eligible (N)MAs was generally good, the content of the meta-analyzed studies often had low quality; furthermore, AMSTAR-PLUS did not undergo formal quantitative validation (eDiscussion). Fifth, the time-points for effect size measures were not extracted, so there is no account of possible differences in short-term versus long-term data of both beneficial and disadvantageous interventions (yet, at least for pharmacological interventions which provided the majority of data, most evidence comes from endpoint assessments of short-term RCTs). Moreover, a range rather than absolute values of dosages of included pharmacological interventions was frequently reported, which also usually spanned from lower to higher doses, thus preventing evaluation of possible more granular differences. Nevertheless, despite these limitations, this is to the best of our knowledge the first umbrella review of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions for physical health outcomes in patients with affective disorders. Strengths of this study include its comprehensiveness, the assessment of the methodological quality of meta-analyses and the meta-analyzed RCTs with a validated tool, and the provision of a systematic synthesis of the available evidence from meta-analyses of RCTs in this unmet need in the management of people with mood disorders. In conclusion, despite the high risk for physical comorbidities in people with affective disorders and their impact on individuals and the health system, the existing evidence for effective pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions to prevent and treat these conditions is still limited. Sufficiently large and qualitatively excellent individual RCTs are therefore necessary. In addition, the field should move from study-level to patient level meta-analyses, as this would provide a more personalized picture of treatment effects for individuals, derived for adequately powered subgroup analyses. Comparing pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in the same trial would also be desirable, and there is a need for large-scale investigations of combinations of pharmacological and non-pharmacological regimes, as well as preventive interventions, which aim to prevent physical comorbidities even before their onset.

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