Web table D Prescriptions for an antidepressant in the first year of diagnosis and in any year after and up to the fifth year after the first diagnosis

Event year	Incident cases of diagnosis of depression at baseline year	Percentage of cases who received a prescription for an antidepressant at baseline year*	Number and percentage of patients who received a prescription for an antidepressant up to 5 years after diagnosis†				
			1st‡	2nd§	3rd§	4th§	5th§
1993	14 066	79.33%	11 159	—	—	—	—
1994	14 882	79.67%	11 857	4533 40.62%	—	—	—
1995	15 911	79.68%	12 678	5221 44.03%	3128 28.03%	—	—
1996	16 435	80.43%	13 218	5558 43.84%	3442 29.03%	2839 25.44%	—
1997	16 831	80.65%	13 575	6 038 45.68%	3774 29.77%	3123 26.34%	2619 23.47%
1998	16 283	80.53%	13 113	6291 46.34%	3957 29.94%	3275 25.83%	2815 23.74%
1999	15 832	80.04%	12 672	6264 47.77%	4188 30.85%	3422 25.89%	2942 23.21%
2000	15 910	79.77%	12 692	6248 49.31%	4144 31.60%	3604 26.55%	3108 23.51%
2001	15 645	79.91%	12 502	6339 49.94%	4144 32.70%	3558 27.13%	3252 23.96%
2002	14 473	79.98%	11 576	6430 51.43%	4121 32.47%	3547 27.99%	3287 25.07%
2003	13 091	78.42%	10 266	5893 50.91%	4034 32.27%	3404 26.82%	3078 24.29%
2004	11 971	76.71%	9183	5180 50.46%	3778 32.64%	3374 26.99%	3038 23.94%
2005	8521	74.33%	6334	4471 48.69%	3125 30.44%	2978 25.73%	2808 22.46%

*Percentage of cases who received a prescription for an antidepressant at baseline year refers to percentage of incident cases who were prescribed at least one antidepressant during the year of first diagnosis.

†Figures along each downward diagonal line indicate a cohort of patients who had the same year of first diagnosis of depression.

‡The number of cases in the first year of diagnosis who received at least one antidepressant was calculated by multiplying the incident cases of diagnosis of depression at baseline year (second column) by the percentage of cases who received a prescription for an antidepressant at baseline year (third column).

§Percentages in the last four columns refer to the number of patients who remained on antidepressants relative to the number receiving antidepressants in the first year of diagnosis.