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Advancing current knowledge of
mental morbidity trajectories in the
COVID-19 pandemic



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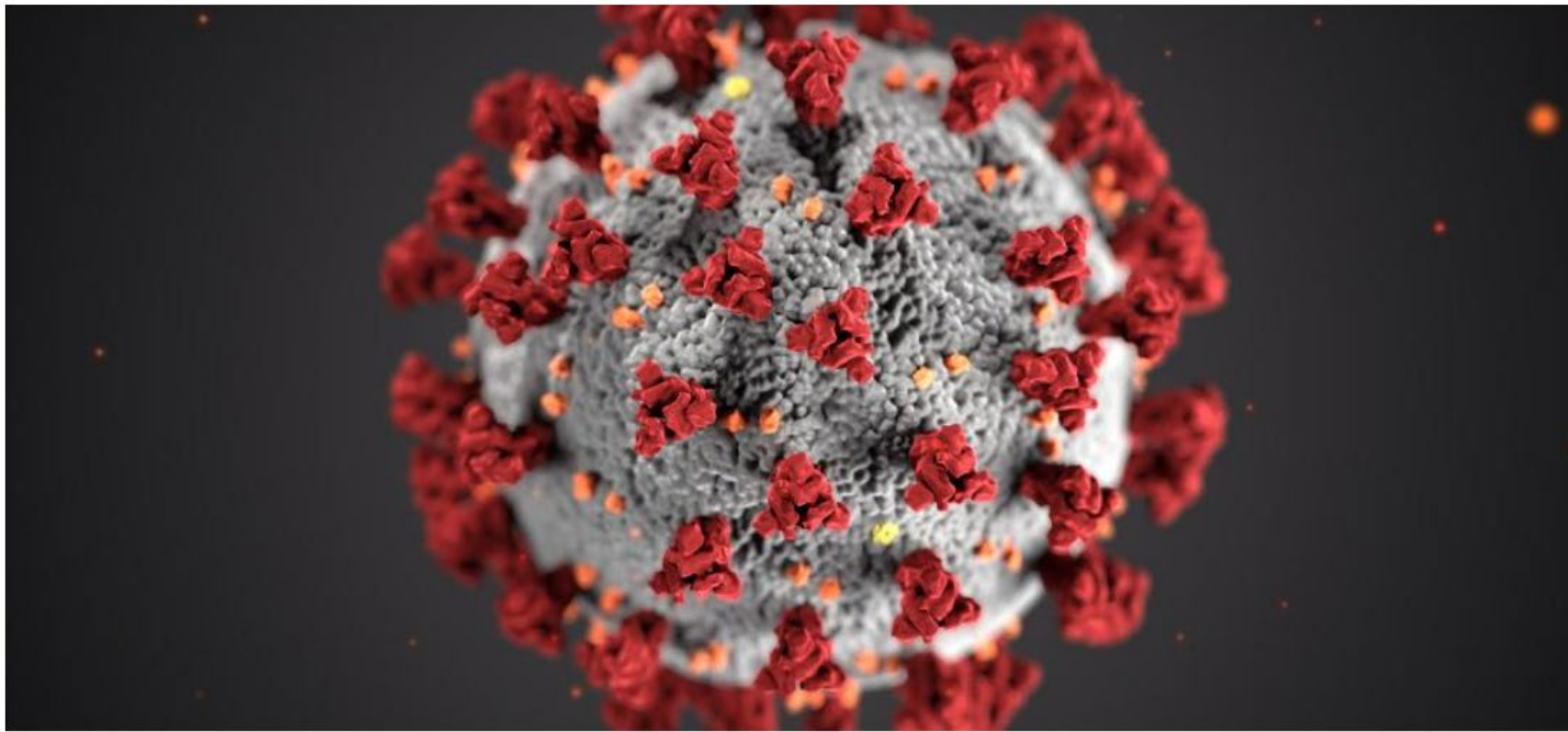
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CoMorMent

Investigating comorbid mental ill-health
& cardiovascular disease



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Post-Pandemic

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on population mental health by the varying national mitigating responses and corresponding COVID-19 related mortality rates across 4 Nordic countries and Estonia.



Cohort Profile

Cohort Profile: COVIDMENT: COVID-19 cohorts on mental health across six nations

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COVIDMENT data sources:

- **Harmonized data collections**
 - with registry linkages
- **National registry linkages**
 - Patient registries
 - Drug prescription registries
 - Medical birth registries
 - Social, demographic and academic

(Linkages are possible by Personal Identification Numbers assigned at birth or immigration)





Generation Scotland
/CovidLife

the Estonian Biobank
COVID-19 and Mental
Health Data Collection



the COVID-19 National
Resilience Cohort

BRY.DEG2020

the Norwegian Mother, Father
and Child Cohort Study



Omtanke2020

the Danish Blood Donor Study



**Cohort size: Total of
402.878 individuals**

→ population mental health?

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Oxford COVID-19
Government
Response Tracker
<https://github.com/OxCGRT/covid-policy-tracker>

What has been measured?

- Depressive symptoms (PHQ-9)
- Anxiety symptoms (GAD-7)
- Symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder (PC-PTSD-5)
- Symptoms of stress (PSS-10)
- Loneliness
- Sleep
- Fatigue
- Cognitive function

- General health
- Working and life conditions during COVID-19
- SARS-CoV-2 infection status
- COVID-19 symptoms
- Hospitalization

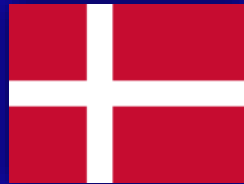
Pre-COVID mental health data are available for all cohorts through self-reports or record linkage to population registers. Most cohorts are linked to national health registries and several cohorts also include biobanks that will be used to study genetic and biological risk factors.

Cohort profile: Key findings

Prevalence of depressive symptoms*
(≥ 10 on PHQ-9 / > 11 on EST-Q2)



16.6%
(95% CI 16.0-17.2%)



7.6%
(95% CI 7.4-7.9%)



15.0%
(95% CI 14.2-15.8%)



4.2%
(95% CI 4.0-4.3%)
17.1%
(95% CI 16.1-18.1%)



17.1%
(95% CI 16.5-17.7%)

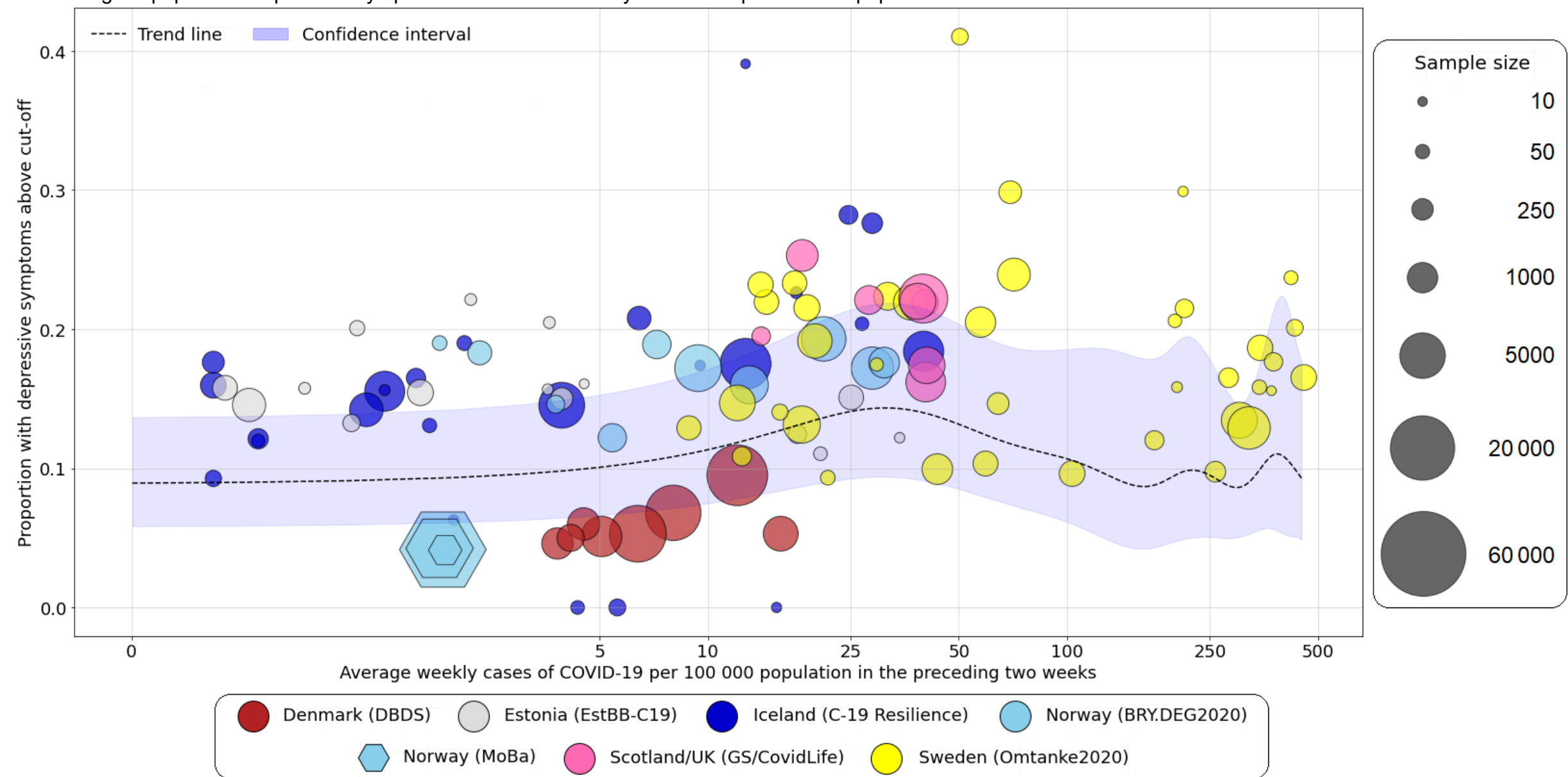


20.8%
(95% CI 20.0-21.6%)

*Adjusted for age and gender

COVID-19 Incidence and prevalence of depression

61% change in population depressive symptoms from 0 to 30 weekly C19 cases per 100 000 population



National COVID-19 incidence and depressive symptoms across cohorts. The COVID-19 incidence is defined as the average number of confirmed cases per week per 100k persons in the two weeks prior to participants' response to the PHQ-9/EST-Q2 (COVID-19 cases excluded). Dotted black line represents trend with 95% confidence interval (blue area).

Strengths

- Large-scale multinational collaboration
- Ongoing semi-harmonized batteries of valid mental health assessments with longitudinal follow-up
- Data-rich record linkages to the national registry resources

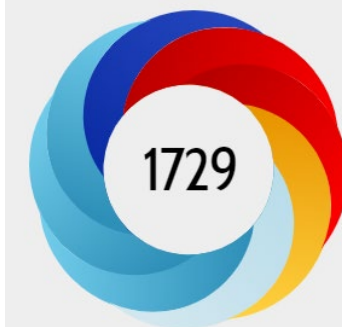
Weaknesses

- Differences recruitment
 - Selection bias
- Self-reported questionnaire data
 - Measurement errors

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Articles

Acute COVID-19 severity and mental health morbidity trajectories in patient populations of six nations: an observational study

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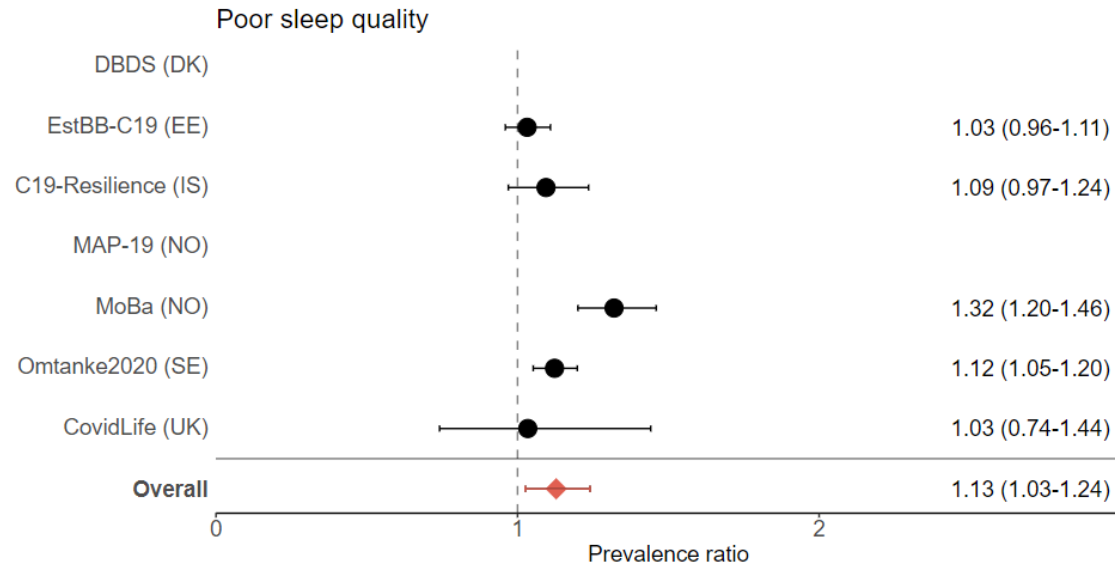
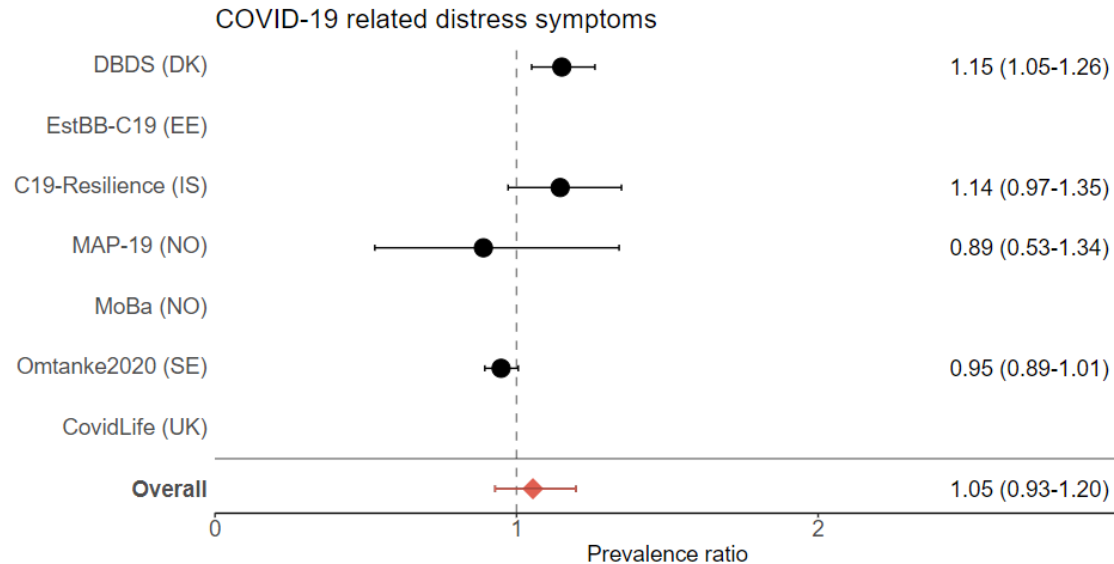
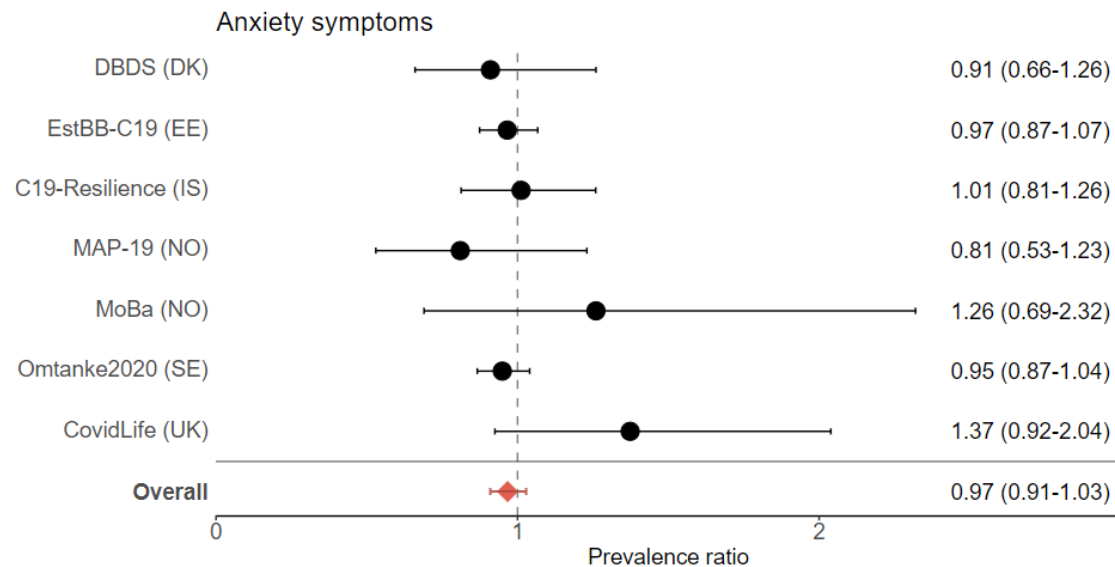
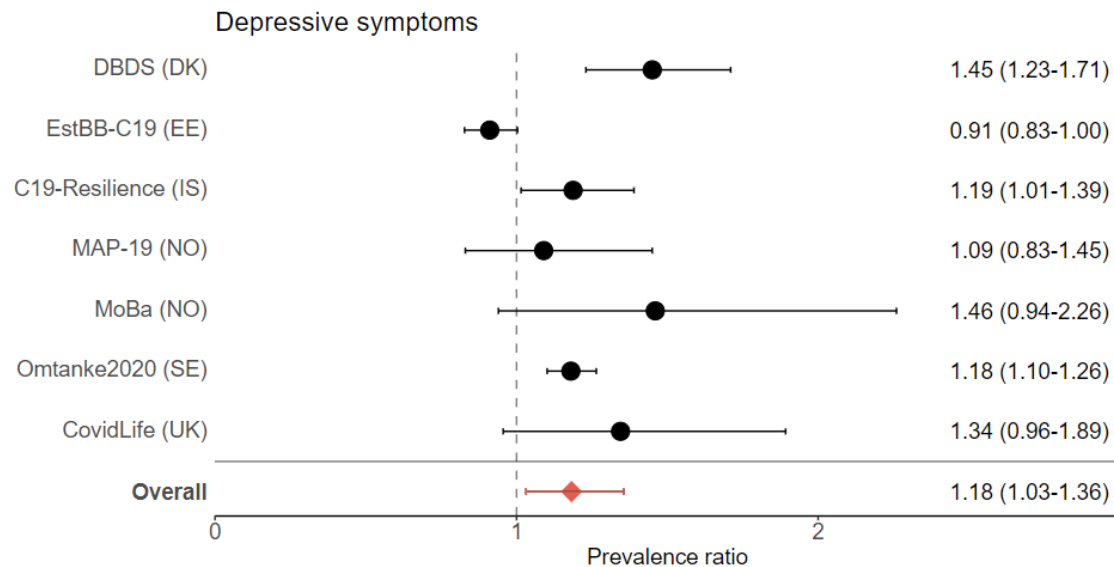
Background: Associations between Covid-19 and mental health (symptoms and disorders) have been well documented for **short-term follow-up** (>6 months)

Aim: Determine 1-year mental health symptoms in individuals with Covid-19 by illness severity and time since Covid-19 illness

Outcomes: Symptoms of depression, anxiety and PTSD, and poor sleep quality (dichotomized with cut-off)

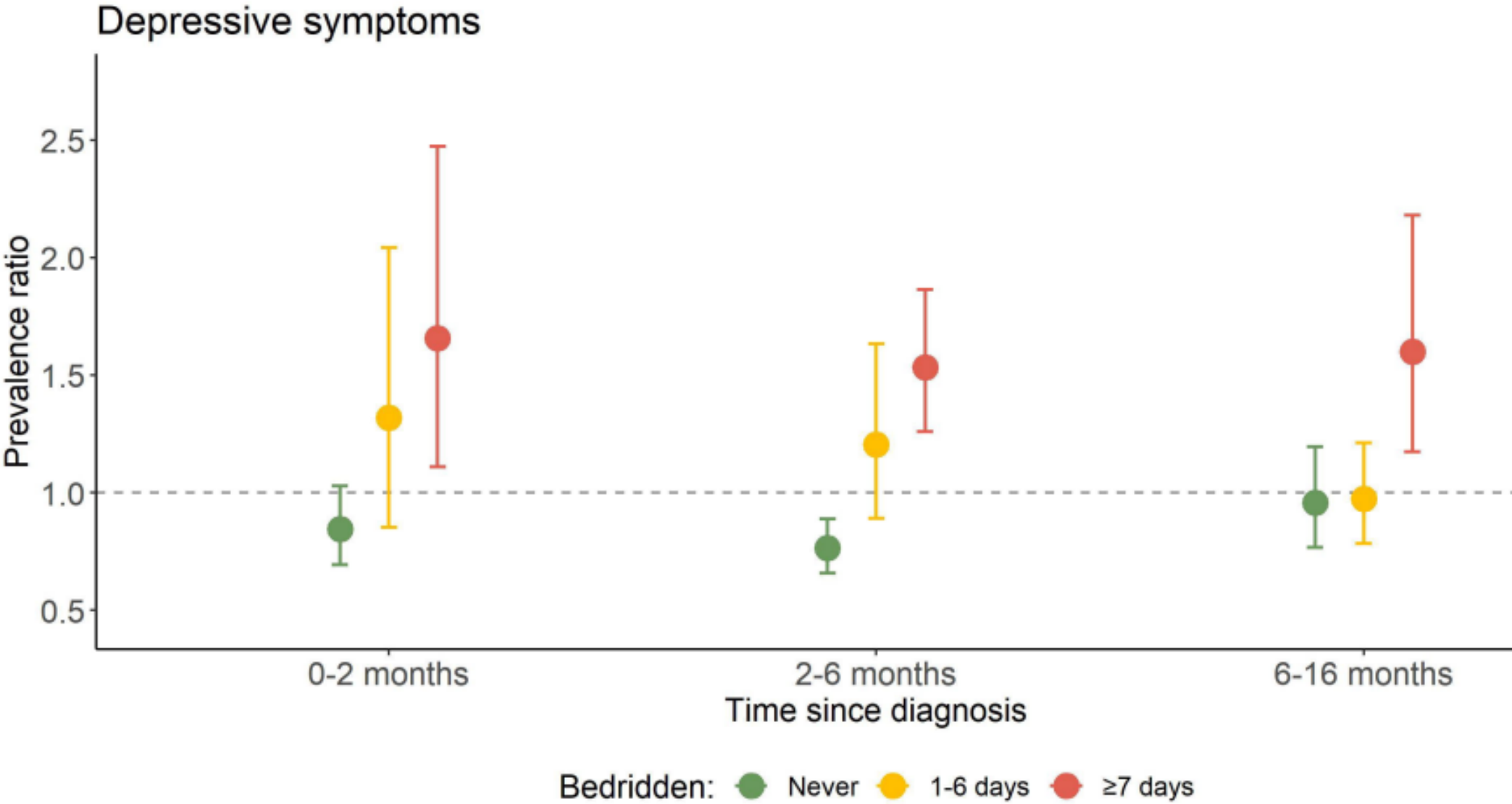
	COVID-19 diagnosis n (%)	Others n (%)
Total	9979 (4.0)	237 270 (96.0)
DBDS (DK)	1111 (3.5)	29 806 (96.4)
EstBB C-19 (EE)	2121 (21.2)	7868 (78.8)
C-19 Resilience (IS)	1144 (5.3)	20 471 (94.7)
MoBa (NO)	1995 (1.5)	130 456 (98.5)
MAP-19 (NO)	110 (1.1)	9951 (98.9)
Omtanke (SE)	3175 (13.4)	20 523 (86.6)
CovidLife (UK)	323 (1.7)	18 195 (98.2)
Gender		
Male	3202 (32.1)	90 678 (38.2)
Female	6772 (67.9)	146421 (61.7)
Other	3 (0.0)	62 (0.0)
Missing	2 (0.0)	129 (0.1)
Age		
<i>Mean age</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>48.9</i>
18-29 years	1137 (11.4)	13 084 (5.5)
30-39 years	1701 (17.0)	26 266 (11.1)
40-49 years	3072 (30.8)	100 097 (42.2)
50-59 years	2512 (25.2)	58 002 (24.4)
60-69 years	656 (6.6)	21 861 (9.2)
70 years +	435 (4.4)	17 754 (7.5)
Missing	4 (0)	206 (0.1)
Education		
Compulsory or less	286 (2.9)	10 469 (4.4)
Upper secondary, vocational or other	2029 (20.3)	60 679 (25.6)
Bachelor's/ diploma university degree	2507 (25.1)	83 343 (35.1)
Master's or Ph.D.	1744 (17.5)	47 786 (20.1)
Missing or unavailable ^a	3413 (34.2)	34 993 (14.7)

	COVID-19 diagnosis n (%)
Total	9979 (4.0)
Illness severity – Time bedridden	
Never bedridden	3160 (31.7)
Bedridden 1-6 days	2453 (24.6)
Bedridden 7 days or more	1613 (16.2)
Missing or unavailable ^c	2753 (27.6)
Illness severity – Hospitalized	
Non-Hospitalized	8000 (80.2)
Hospitalized	297 (3.0)
Missing or unavailable ^d	1682 (16.9)
Time since diagnosis	
< 8 weeks	3108 (31.1)
2-6 months	3642 (36.5)
7+ months	3229 (32.4)

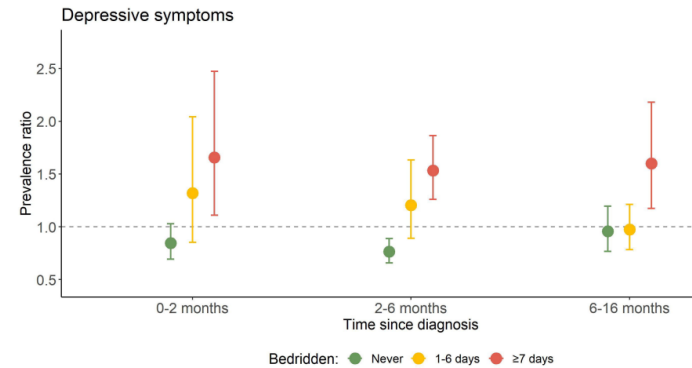
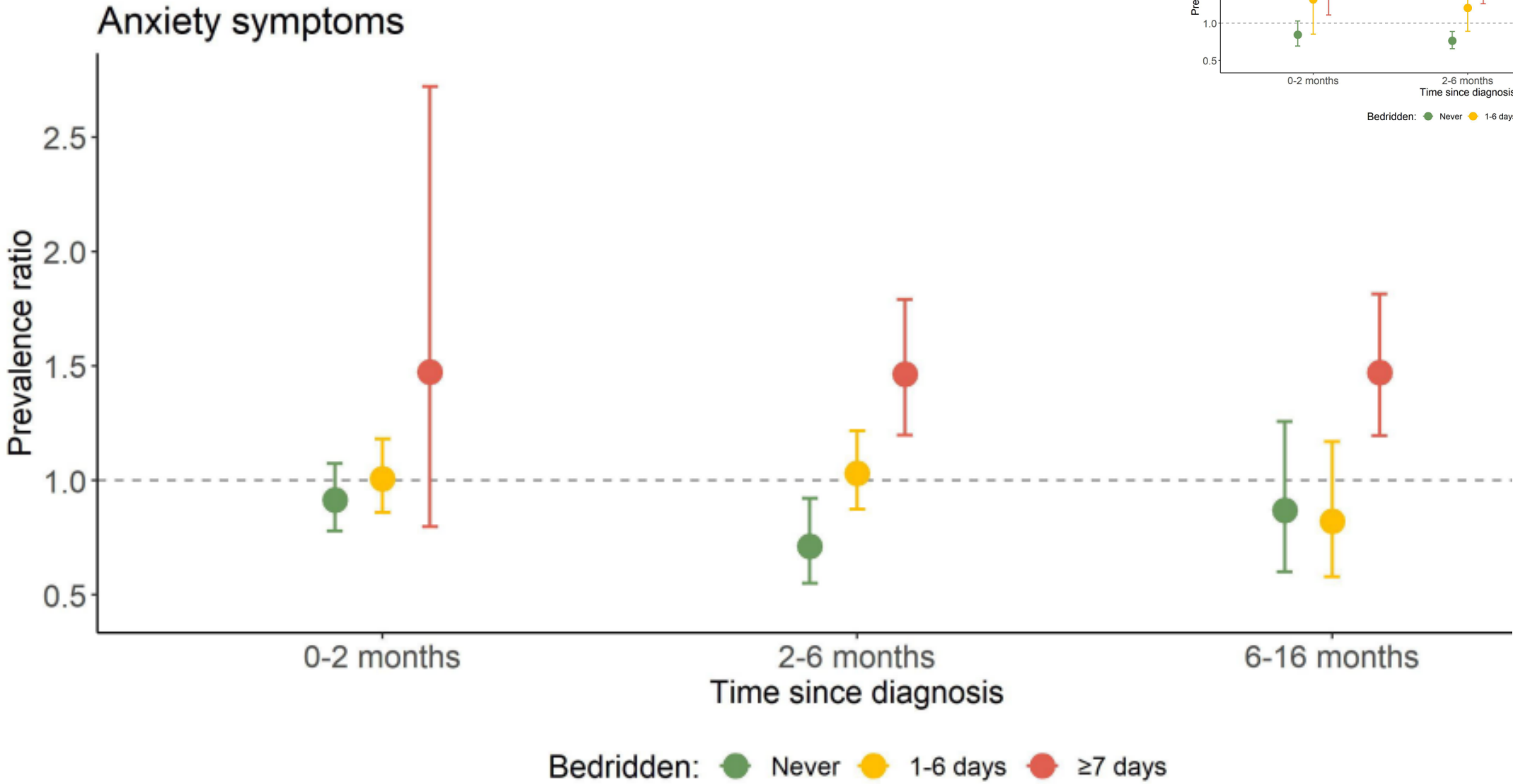


Covariates in all models: Gender, age, education, relationship status, history of diagnosis of any psychiatric disorder, chronic medical conditions, response period (April–June 2020; July–September 2020; October–December 2020; January–March 2021; April–August 2021), BMI and smoking.

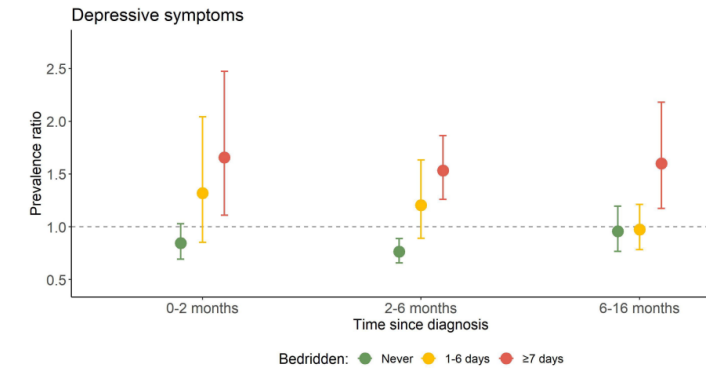
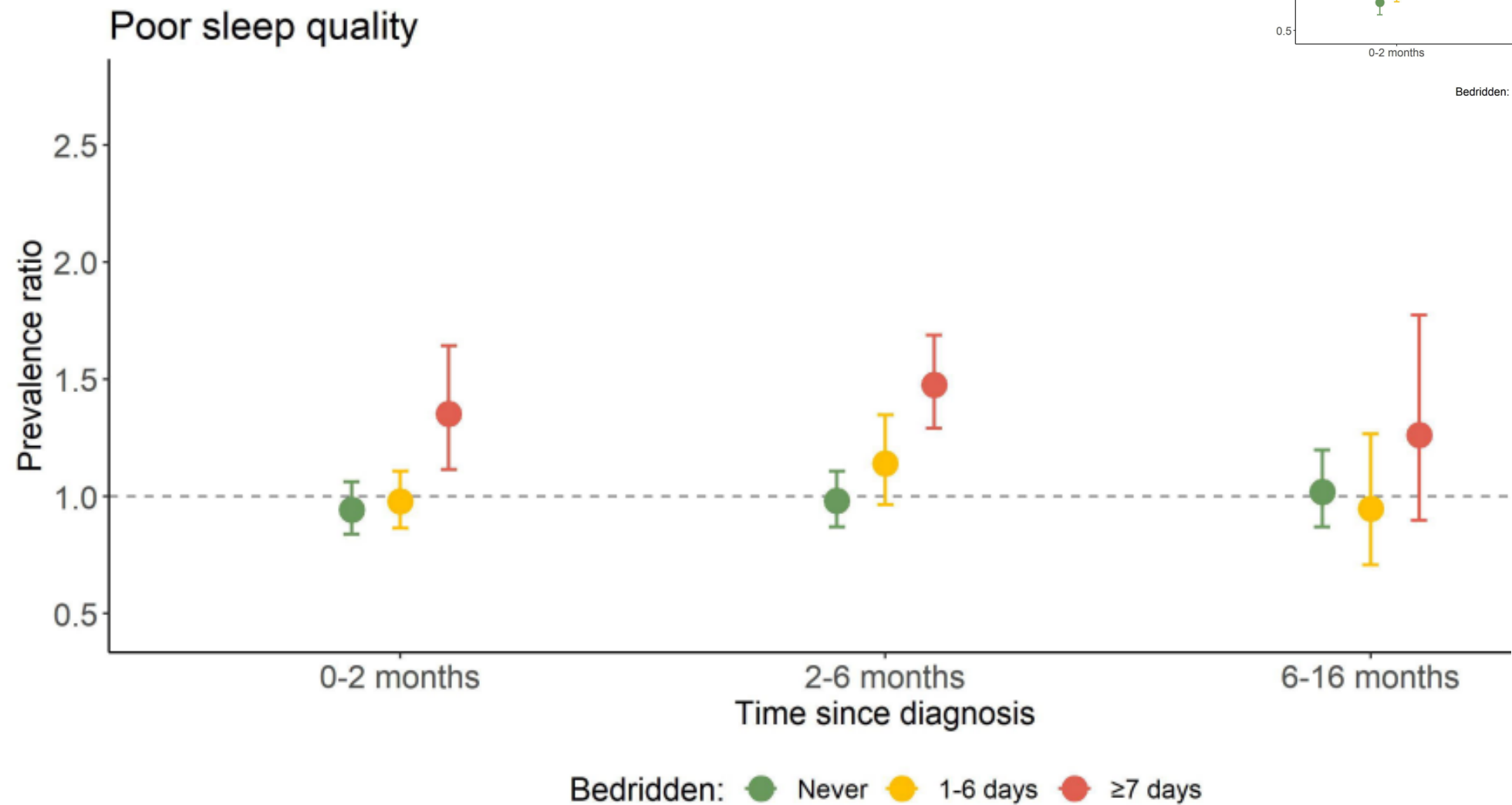
16-month follow-up of mental health in COVID-19 patients



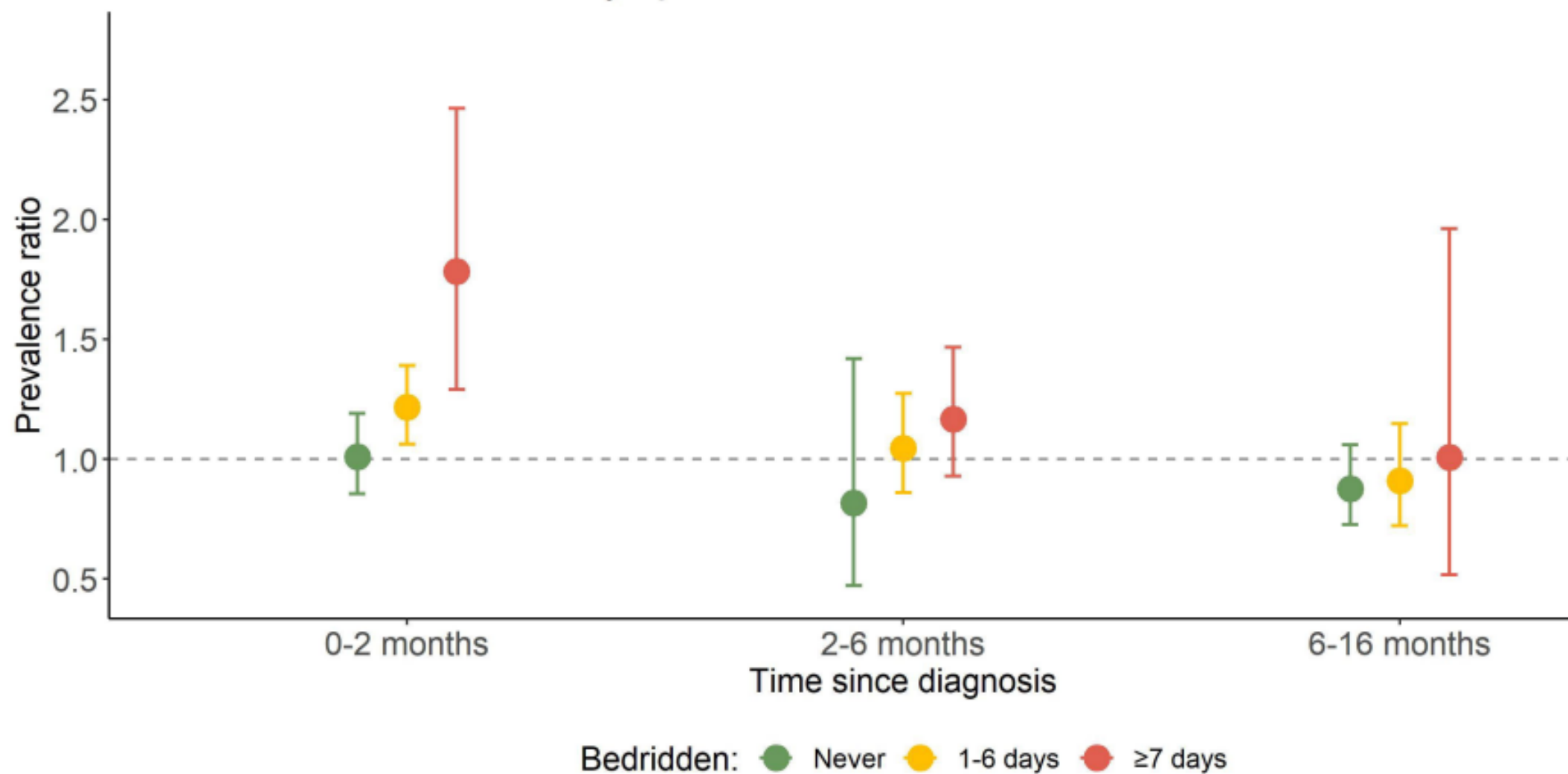
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COVID-19 related distress symptoms



Conclusion:

- Acute infection severity is associated with long-term mental morbidity among COVID19 patients

Mechanisms:

- the worry of having infected others and the unpredictable prognosis of COVID-19 (e.g. worrying about long-term health effects, or even death) → attenuated with time
- Persistent symptoms → due to continued physical long-COVID symptoms
→ the inflammatory processes among patients suffering severe acute illness

Conclusion

- COVID-19 is an important predictor of persistent mental health symptoms up to one year after diagnosis
- Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 but never bedridden tended to have lower risk of adverse mental health symptoms
- Individuals bedridden due to COVID-19 for 7 days or longer showed 50-60% elevated symptom levels of depression and anxiety throughout the first year after diagnosis
 - Symptoms of posttraumatic stress were significantly attenuated after the first 2 months

**COVIDMENT: Focus on
vulnerable and highly
affected populations,
But also the general
population**



Psychosocial Consequences Of The COVID-19 Pandemic



Illness Severity And Risk Of Mental Morbidities Among Patients
Recovering From COVID-19



Cohort Profile: COVIDMENT: COVID-19 Cohorts On Mental Health
Across Six Nations



One-Year Mental Health Trajectories Of COVID-19 Patients Across 6
Nations



Polygenic Risk Score For Psychiatric Disorders And COVID-19 Related
Outcomes



Mental Health Of Healthcare Workers In COVID-19



Mental Health Of Significant Others Of COVID-19 Patients



Cognitive Function And Fatigue Among COVID-19 Patients



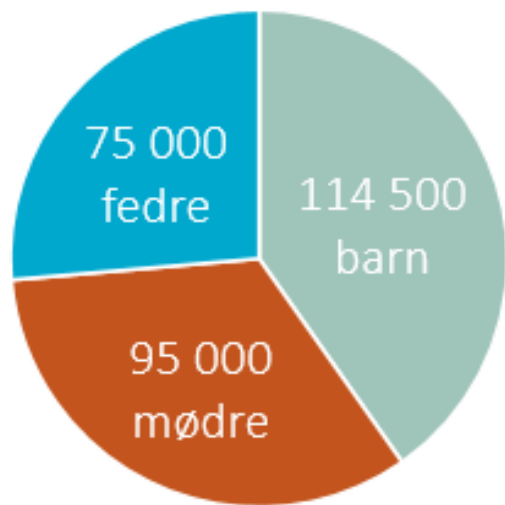
The Psychological Impact Of Quarantine

Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort Study (MoBa)

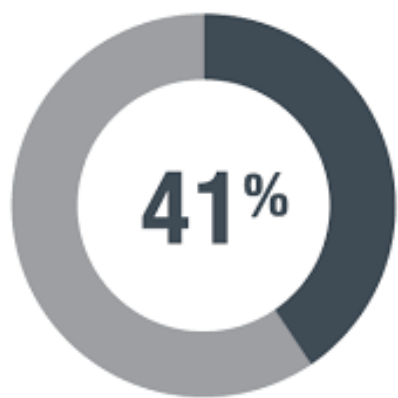
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The Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort Study is a unique study where over 90,000 pregnant women were recruited from 1998 to 2008. More than 70,000 fathers have participated.

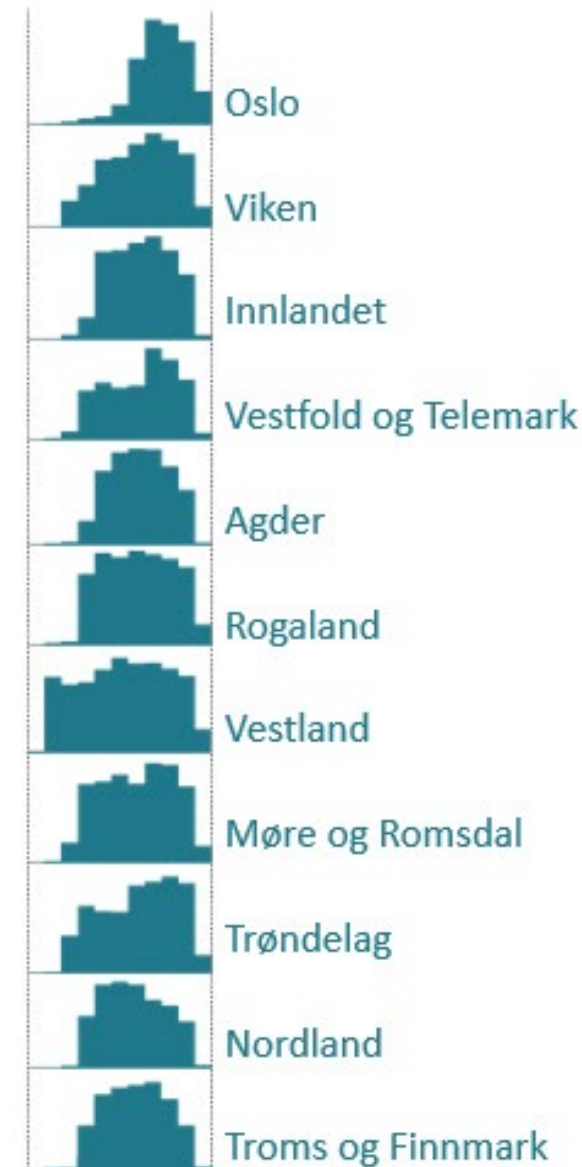
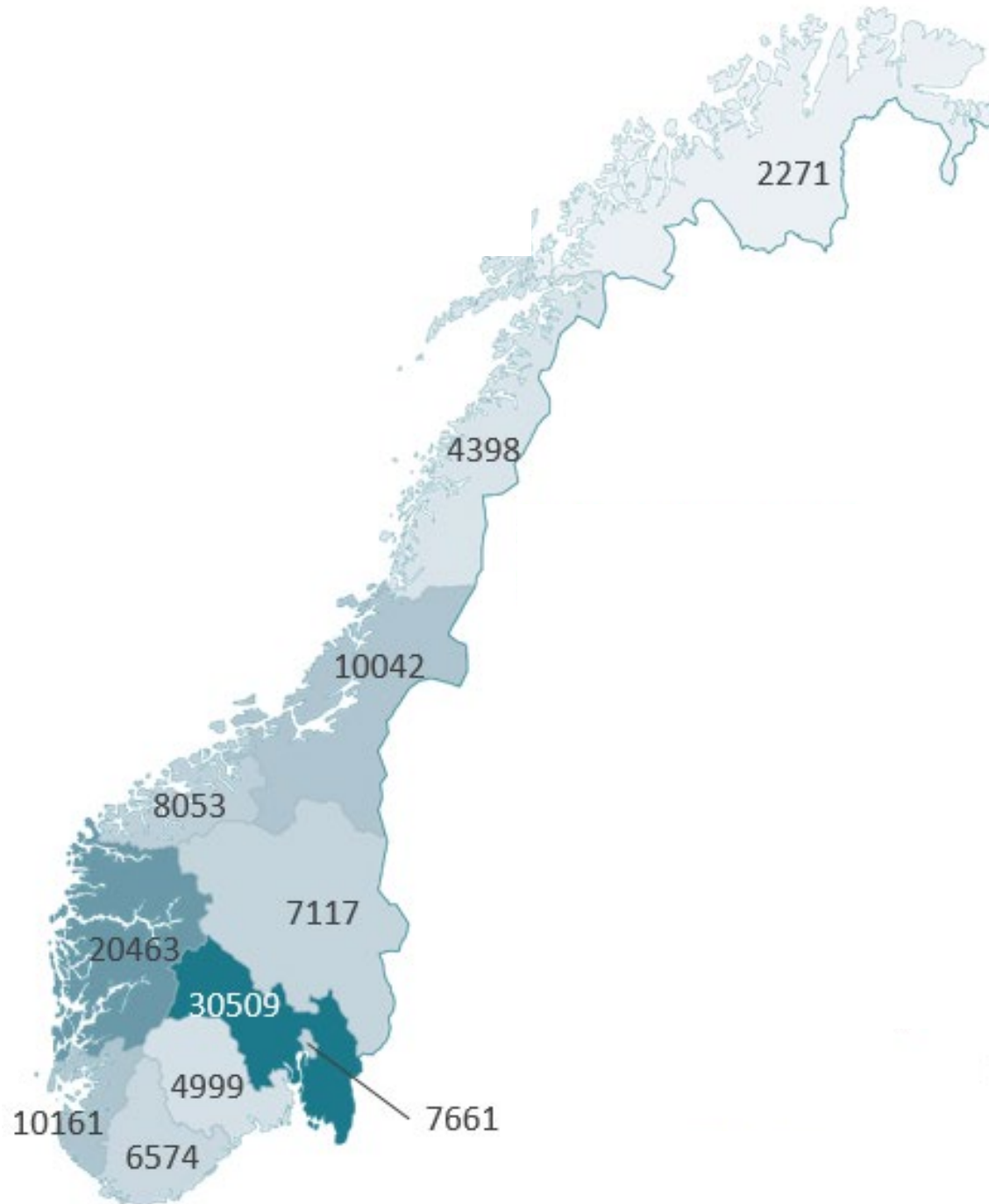




284 500 participants



younger women, smokers, and women with low educational level were less likely to participate in MoBa (Nilsen et al., 2009).

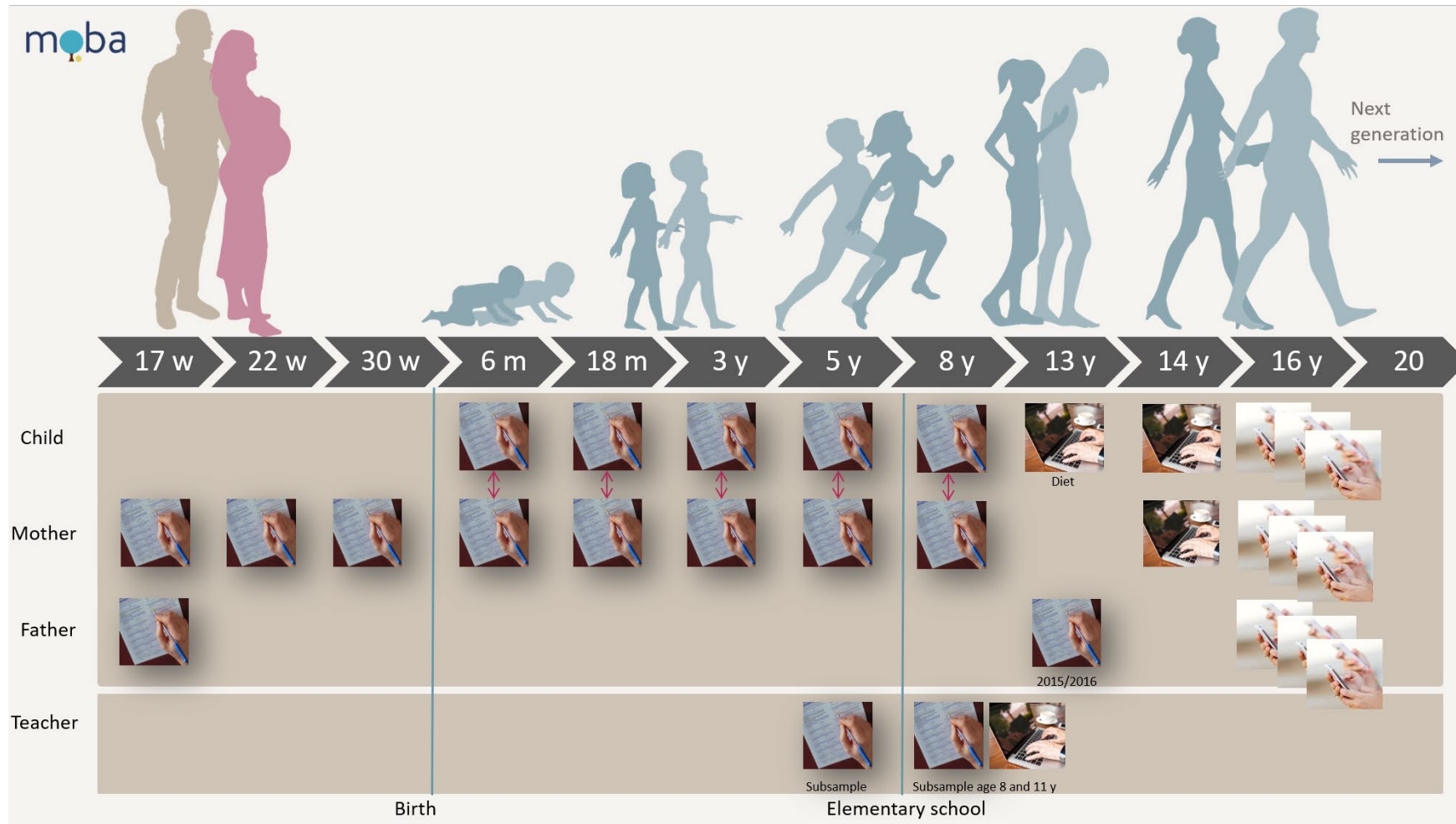


1999 2009

Birth year

First MoBa child was born October 1999
Last MoBa child was born July 2009

LONG FOLLOWUP



moBa

MoBa children's birth year


1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023

Covid-19

During Covid19

Post-Covid19

Rich data on environmental factors, parental behavior and characteristics, and child development and mental health from 3 data collections during pregnancy and 8 data collections from birth until the children were 17 yrs old

 DNA collected during pregnancy/at birth

● 3 Qs during pregnancy (mothers/1 for fathers)

▲ 2 Qs (6 & 18 months) (mothers)


▲ Q 3 yrs (mothers)


▲ Q 5 yrs (mothers)


▲ Q 8 yrs (mothers)

▲ Q 14 yrs (mothers/adolescents)

● Q father#2 (fathers)

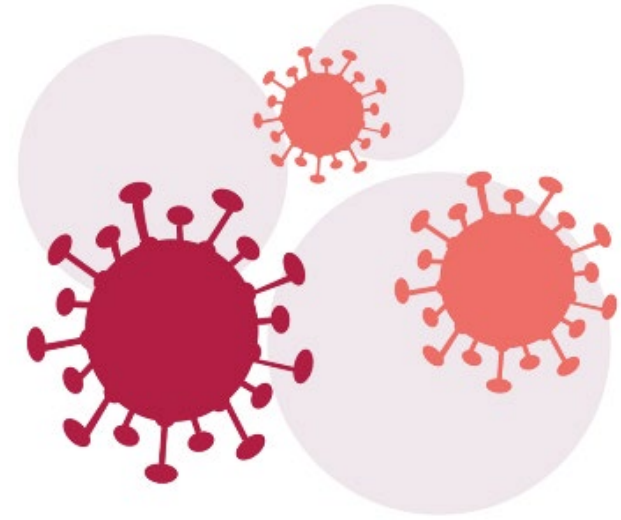
 MoBaYng 16-17 yrs (monthly to adolescents)

 Covid19 Qs (biweekly to adults)

 Post Covid19 Qs (adults/adolescents)

MoBa Corona

- Mother, father, youth (16-17,5 years)
- Every other week since march-april 2020 - current
- Invited:
 - 149 000 parents – responded: 75% (111 750)
 - 17 250 youth – responded: 50% (8 625)



including screening measures for depressive symptoms [measured with Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9),³² Emotional State Questionnaire (EST-Q2)],^{33,34} anxiety [General Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7),³⁵ EST-Q2,³⁴ the Dimensional Obsessive-Compulsive Scale (DOCS-SF)],³⁶ PTSD [the Primary Care PTSD Screen for DSM-5 (PC-PTSD-5),³⁷ PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL) short form],³⁸ stress [Perceived Stress Scale 4 (PSS-4),³⁹ Perceived Stress Scale 10 (PSS-10),⁴⁰ Impact of Event Scale—Revised (IES-R-15)],⁴¹ loneliness [UCLA Loneliness Scale version 3 (UCLA-3),⁴² EST-Q2)]³⁴ sleep [Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI),⁴³ EST-Q2,³⁴ Bergen Insomnia Scale (BIS)],⁴⁴ fatigue [EST-Q2,³⁴ Chalder Fatigue Questionnaire (CFQ)],⁴⁵ cognitive function [Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) short form]⁴⁶ as well as happiness (summarized in [Table 2](#)). In addition, participants in each cohort answered extensive questionnaires on general health and working and life conditions during COVID-19, as well as questions on COVID-19-specific factors, such as COVID-19 symptoms, SARS-CoV-2 infection status and hospitalization (see [Supplementary Table S2](#), available as [Supplementary data at IJE online](#), for a detailed overview of measures).



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