

**ENVIRONMENTAL-RISK (E-RISK) LONGITUDINAL TWIN STUDY
CONCEPT PAPER FORM**

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Objective of the study and its significance:

To generate and externally validate a composite risk score based on childhood clinical and sociodemographic characteristics of 12-year-old adolescents, free of previous or present depressive symptoms, to predict their risk of developing a depressive episode at 18 years of age.

Mental and behavioural disorders are responsible for 7.4% of global disability adjusted life years (DALYs).¹ Major depressive disorder (MDD) is a major contributor to chronic disease burden worldwide, either directly – MDD is the second leading cause of years lived with disability (YLD) around the globe, or indirectly – it is associated with an increased risk of developing conditions such as diabetes mellitus, heart disease and stroke. There is also well-documented association between MDD and death by suicide. It is estimated that up to 50% of the 800,000 suicides per year worldwide occur within a depressive episode and patients with MDD are almost 20-fold more likely to die by suicide than the general population. Those striking estimates are a result of its high prevalence, early incidence in life, and chronicity.²

Prognostic research has received increasing attention in the last few years.³ However, while the widespread use of tools that predict clinical outcomes in medical practice has promoted the development and testing of preventive interventions with remarkable benefits for population health, such approaches have rarely been attempted for mental health. Furthermore, external validation of such tools has usually been focused on very similar settings in terms of design and sociocultural attributes, whereas clinical practice has incorporated its use in a much less restricted scale.⁴

We are developing a multivariate risk score to predict MDD in young adulthood based on clinically available, easily assessed, reliable sociodemographic variables in order to predict future depressive episodes within a 3-4 year period. Implications for the field are numerous. The model can be used by clinicians to guide long-term decisions based on the estimated risk of a given child. Also, it provides a framework for testing the effectiveness of preventive interventions focused on high-risk individuals. Furthermore, research can benefit from the score in the study of at-risk individuals in terms of neurobiological features, enhancing the knowledge of the biology behind the risk.

Our group has been working to develop a composite risk score for 15-year-old adolescents, free of

previous or present depressive symptoms, capable of predicting their risk of developing a depressive episode at 18/19 years of age. In order to accomplish that, we have used data derived from the 1993 Pelotas Birth Cohort Study, selecting clinically relevant variables, conceptually associated with depressive disorders. We have parsed them into three groups: adolescent-obtained, parent-obtained, and genetic variables. Our final selection included 17 adolescent-obtained, 9 parent-obtained, and 1 genetic. We have then defined as the standard model the one using only the adolescent-obtained variables, as those were considered more easily accessible in a 'real world' scenario.

We are attempting to replicate this model in the Dunedin Study and would also like to test it in the E-Risk Longitudinal Twin Study to ascertain if it translates to the UK as well. We are aware that E-Risk does not have data available at age 15 so we propose to test our composite risk score among 12-year-old adolescents instead.

Statistical analyses:

In the Pelotas cohort, as our first step, we compared the predictive performance of three algorithm modelling strategies (Support Vector Machine, LASSO and Random Forest) and one data-modelling strategy (Logistic Regression Analysis) in order to select the one with best discriminative capacity. All of them showed similar results, with non-significant differences. As logistic regression analysis has been more frequently used in prognostic research, with greater comparability with other studies' results, we have selected it as our primary analysis strategy for the remaining steps.

In our following step, we evaluated the predictive capacity of our standard model, using only the adolescent-obtained variables. Then, we further tested if the addition of the remaining variable groups could increase the predictive capacity of the model. We have defined "increase" as a statistically significant augmentation in the c-statistic, indicating the benefit of the combined model would be above and beyond the potential obstacles and costs associated with the requirement of an additional informant or genetic testing. The results identified that, from a point prevalence of depressive episode at 18/19 years of 3.3% for the included sample, our standard model produced a C-statistic of 0.759. The inclusion of the additional groups of variables did not significantly increase the AUC of the model.

As validation, either internal or external, of predictive model results is a crucial step in prognosis research, we would like to assess whether our results can be validated in the E-Risk Study sample. As our validation strategy process, once we receive the variables requested, we aim to evaluate the comparability of each variable received with ours, making the necessary adjustments to enhance compatibility of datasets. After that, we intend to use our dataset as the development sample, from where we can derive the regression coefficients of variables, and then test in the E-Risk Study dataset as one of the validation samples.

Variables Needed at Which Ages (names and labels):

Study: E-Risk

Age 5

FAMILYID Unique family identifier

ATWINID Twin A ID (ex chkdg)

BTWINID Twin B ID (ex chkdg)

RORDERP5 Random Twin Order

RISKS Sample Groups

COHORT Cohort

SAMPSEX Sex of Twins: In sample

ZYGOSITY Zygosity

SESWQ35 Social Class Composite

SETHNIC Ethnicity of Twins

Age of Mum at twins' birth

Age of Dad at twins' birth

TOTEMOE5 CBCL Total Mum & Teacher Emotional Scale (Ex Somatic) - Elder twin

DEPRSE5 Depression scale (from CBCL) - Elder Twin

Age 7	
TOTEMOE7	CBCL Total Mum & Teacher Emotional Scale (Ex Somatic) - Elder twin
DEPRSE7	Depression scale (from CBCL) - Elder Twin
Age 10	
TOTEMOE10	CBCL Total Mum & Teacher Emotional Scale (Ex Somatic) - Elder twin
DEPRSE10	Depression scale (from CBCL) - Elder Twin
Age 12	
BMIE11	Body Mass Index, Age 11 - Elder
HARME512	Physical maltreatment between ages 5-12 – elder (informant report)
CDIE12	Depression Scale – CDI – Elder Twin (self-report)
CDICATE12	Clinically significant depression (CDI >= 20) - P12 - Elder (self-report)
SISOCE12	Social isolation (low/moderate/high) - P12 – Elder
<i>Individual antisocial behavior items (self-report):</i>	
conduct3 - Do you sometimes hit someone when you are having an argument? elder	
conduct4 - Do you sometimes start fights with people? elder	
conduct23 - Have you run away from home and stayed away for the night? Elder	
SUB1EC12	Substance Use - Option 1 (Upgrade of Items 15, 16 and 17) - Elder (self-report)
SUB2EC12	Substance Use - Option 2 (Downgrade of Items 03 and 07) - Elder (self-report)
EDUCPRFE12	School performance (English & Maths average) - P12 - Elder
Age 18	
DXMDEE18	Major depressive episode, DSM-IV - elder
MDESXE18	Major depression symptom count - elder
CTQCCTOTE18	CTQ - types of abuse or neglect at none, mild, mod/severe level, grouped 0 ,1-2, 3-5 - P18 – Elder (note this self-report for the period from 0-12 years)
ACTQE18	Childhood Trauma (CTQ) total score adjusted - P18 – Elder (self-report for the period from 0-12 years)
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