

TABLE 1

Diagnosis, Treatment, and Follow-up of Newly Diagnosed Depressed Patients

Category of Analysis	Finding	Women No. (%)	Men No. (%)	Total No. (%)
New diagnosis among eligible patients	Yes	1577 (2.1)*	526 (0.9)	2,103 (1.6)
	No	73,821 (97.9)	54,894 (99.1)	129,038 (98.4)
	Total	75,398 (100)	55,420 (100)	131,141 (100)†
Treatment of new diagnosis	All antidepressants	790 (50.1)‡	242 (46.0)	1,032 (49.1)
	Other psychotropic alone	72 (4.6)	22 (4.2)	94 (4.5)
	No medication	715 (45.3)	262 (49.8)	977 (46.4)
	Total	1577 (100)	526 (100)	2103 (100)
Follow-up of patients treated with antidepressants	Definite	558 (70.6)	163 (67.4)	721 (69.9)
	Possible	164 (20.8)	49 (20.2)	213 (20.6)
	None	68 (8.6)§	30 (12.4)	98 (9.5)
	Total	790 (100)	242 (100)	1032 (100)

*Chi-square < .00000001 for sex difference in diagnosis.

†The sex was unknown for 323 patients, none of whom had a new diagnosis of depression.

‡Chi-square = .1044 for sex difference in starting antidepressants.

§Chi-square = .08 for sex difference in absence of any follow-up.