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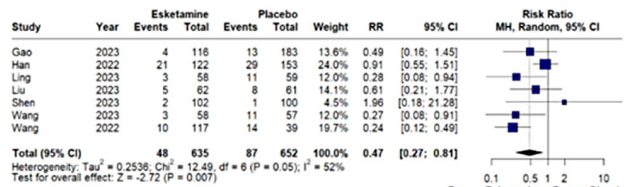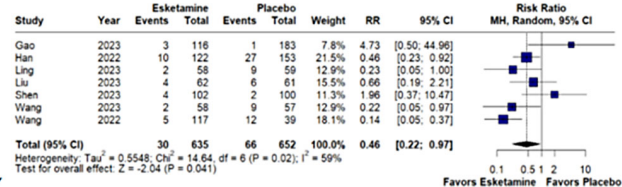


Figure 1A. Incidence of PPD was significantly reduced in puerperae receiving esketamine 1 week after delivery.

Figure 1B. Incidence of PPD was significantly reduced in puerperae receiving esketamine 6 weeks after delivery.

**Conclusions:** Prophylactic esketamine seems to improve EPDS scores in women at one and six weeks after birth. A more thorough analysis of the adverse effects on maternal and neonatal health are required, and long-term benefits are not fully understood. Larger multicenter studies would be a welcome addition to the issue at hand.

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## EPP0013

### How adults with treatment resistant depression experience their first esketamine nasal spray treatment? Preliminary results from a French qualitative study

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**Introduction:** Spravato® (esketamine nasal spray- ENS) is a new adjunctive drug for Treatment Resistant Depression (TRD), i.e. patients with major depressive disorder that failed to adequately respond despite the use of two different antidepressants. In France, a real world non-interventional post-commercialization cohort study is being conducted aiming to describe the conditions of use of the esketamine, and to observe the outcomes.
**Objectives:** To in-depth explore the lived experience of first administered ENS treatment among adults with TRD, we are conducting an ancillary qualitative study.

**Methods:** This qualitative study uses the IPSE approach (Sibeoni et al. *BMC Medical Research Methodology* 20.1(2020):1-21) and has been conducted in four French psychiatric departments. Design was based on the recruitment of patients through the Cohort study, all interviewed twice, the first time 3 to 5 weeks after the first administration of ENS, and the second time around 6 months after, whether treatment has been continued or not. Data analysis follows the IPSE analytic procedure and is conducted in two stages: three individual researchers carry out independent work and the group collectively pools data. These preliminary results are based on the sole analysis of the first interviews conducted from July 2022 to July 2023.
**Results:** Eighteen participants with moderate to severe TRD, including 13 women, were interviewed and two axes of experience have been produced: (1) the overwhelming experiences of the treatment, perceived differently depending on patients, as a dissociative experience, both inside – described as a *trip*- and outside of them; (2) A discordant treatment experience with both solitude and relational support from medical team.
**Conclusions:** These results highlight the need to better prepare the patients for the initiation of the treatment and to take into consideration the settings in which the treatment is administered, as well as the importance of the support received from the nursing staff.

## EPP0015

### The DiSCoVeR trial – Mid-study look at post-training patient motivation for an innovative treatment approach

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**Introduction:** The DiSCoVeR Project: 'Examining the synergistic effects of a cognitive control videogame and a self-administered non-invasive brain stimulation on alleviating depression' is a double-blind, sham controlled, randomized controlled trial

investigating the feasibility and efficacy of an innovative, self-applied treatment approach for patients diagnosed with major depressive disorder. The trial is conducted at three clinical trial sites (Hadassah, Israel; Riga Stradiņš University, Latvia; Ludwig-Maximilian-University, Germany). The treatment approach combines prefrontal transcranial direct current stimulation with a videogame designed to enhance cognitive and emotional control. This treatment is self-applied at home and remotely monitored. At the beginning of the intervention the patients are randomized in an active group receiving both active stimulation and videogame and the other group receiving sham stimulation and visually similar but not active videogame.

**Objectives:** The present interims analysis after half of the patients included examines patients' intrinsic motivation after completing the first five sessions (of 30) of the treatment. We also examine patients' interest/enjoyment, perceived competence, effort, felt pressure/tension, and perceived choice following the first week of treatment. Intrinsic motivation has been associated with enhanced learning and performance, so it can be used as one of the predictors for patient compliance.

**Methods:** At the end of the 5th session, the patients filled in the Intrinsic Motivation Inventory (IMI) including the following sub-scales: interest/enjoyment, perceived choice, perceived competence, effort/importance and felt pressure/tension (scored on a 7-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 "not at all true" to 7 "very true").

**Results:** This report includes the first 55 patients randomized (27 patients in the active group and 28 patients in placebo group) for the DiSCoVeR trial. Patients rated their overall interest/enjoyment at 4.50 out of 7 (SD±0.17 95% CI 4.16 to 4.84), their perceived choice at 5.55 (SD±0.16; 95% CI 5.23 to 5.87), their perceived competence at 4.52 (SD±0.15; 95%CI 4.22 to 4.82), their effort/importance at 5.07 (SD±0.16; 95%CI 4.74 to 5.40) and their pressure/tension at 3.00 (SD±0.13; 95% CI 2.73 to 3.26).

**Conclusions:** We conclude that overall patients were quite interested in the treatment and had inherent pleasure while doing the sessions, felt that it was their choice to do them, felt that they performed the task quite effectively, were invested in doing the sessions and the experienced pressure and tension were low. The perceived choice and competence are positive predictors of intrinsic motivation. This aligns with the previous published data of a smaller patient subset (L. Konosonoka et al Medicina (Kaunas) 2022;58(Supplement 1):72) with the standard deviations being smaller in our larger patient sample.

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## COVID-19 and related topics

### EPP0016

### Clinical suitability of intranasal delivery of M2 macrophage soluble factors in patients with post-COVID olfactory disorders

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**Introduction:** SARS-CoV virus showed transneuronal penetration through the olfactory bulb resulting in the rapid intracranial spread. So, olfactory dysfunction is an early marker of COVID-19 infection. However, individuals may develop chronic olfactory impairment for more than six months in 1–10% of cases.

**Objectives:** The study's objective was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of intranasal immunotherapy using bioactive substances produced by M2 macrophages for the treatment of people with long-term post-COVID-19 hyposmia.

**Methods:** Seven individuals with long-term persistent hyposmia (7 to 24 months), associated with PCR-confirmed coronavirus infection were evaluated for olfactory function at baseline, one, and six to twelve months after therapy.

**Results:** The intranasal inhalation of M2 macrophage conditioned medium (one time per day for 28-30 days) was well tolerated. Furthermore, olfactometry demonstrated that the patients restored their capacity to perceive (Kruskal-Wallis H test 14.123, p = 0.0009) and recognize odors (H = 11.674, p = 0.0029). In addition, the subjective evaluation of smell significantly improved (H = 11.935, p = 0.0026). At the 6- to 12-month follow-up, the majority of patients (5/7) reported extremely high levels of satisfaction with the outcomes, and the remaining two patients also felt generally positive about the therapy's success.

**Conclusions:** Overall, our study showed that the use of intranasal inhalations as a method of delivering bioactive factors and the conditioned medium of M2 macrophages as a therapeutic agent are both safe, well tolerated and, according to preliminary data, clinically effective in the treatment of patients with long-term post-COVID-19 hyposmia.

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### EPP0017

### Identifying predictors of resilient coping in students during COVID-19 lockdown

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**Introduction:** Although increasing resilient coping throughout life is beneficial, it is particularly important in young people. To prevent the development of mental health problems, it is crucial to understand the factors associated with resilience. However, among university students, the characteristics considered conducive to resiliency have not been sufficiently studied, particularly during pandemic times.

**Objectives:** The present study examined factors associated with resilient coping in Portuguese higher education students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Methods:** Data were collected from an opportunity large sample of participants during the academic year 2020/2021. Four self-report measures were utilized within the study: Herth Hope Index, Brief Resilient Coping Scale, Depression Anxiety and Stress Scale – 21 items, and Impact of Event Scale-Revised. Additionally, a demographic questionnaire was used to collect data including age, gender, have children, education level, and study area. Ethics clearance was obtained. In order to test the research question, a multiple