

1 **A network approach to lifestyle behaviors and health outcomes in people with**
2 **mental illness: the MULTI+ study III**

3 **Short title: Lifestyle and health in mental illness (MULTI+ III): a network**
4 **approach**

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25 **Abstract**

26 **Background**

27 Unhealthy lifestyle behaviors are prevalent among people with mental illness (MI), affecting
28 their physical and mental health. Most research has focused on the isolated effects of
29 lifestyle behaviors, leaving the interconnectedness between these behaviors and health
30 outcomes unexplored. This study aimed to examine these relationships and identify the most
31 strongly connected lifestyle behavior or health outcome within a network.

32 **Methods**

33 We conducted a cross-sectional study with 423 inpatients with MI, receiving care as usual.
34 Lifestyle behaviors, physical, and mental health outcomes were assessed through
35 questionnaires and routine data. A Gaussian Graphical Model was estimated, and strength
36 centrality was calculated to identify the most influential nodes.

37 **Results**

38 Mean age was 55.5 years, 42% were female and 41% were diagnosed with schizophrenia.
39 Psychological and physical quality of life (QoL), nighttime sleep problems, and overall sleep
40 quality were most strongly connected nodes. Sleep was strongly associated with physical
41 QoL. Furthermore, there were negative associations between healthy food intake and
42 cholesterol ratio, and positive associations between daily doses of antipsychotics and length
43 of hospital stay. Node strength was stable ($CS(\text{cor} = 0.7) = 0.75$). No clear pattern emerged
44 among other lifestyle behaviors and health outcomes.

45 **Conclusions**

46 This study offers insights into the interrelatedness of lifestyle behaviors and health outcomes.
47 Addressing sleep problems could enhance QoL and potentially influence other health
48 outcomes. Psychological and physical QoL were also strongly associated, emphasizing the
49 importance of perceived well-being in health outcomes. Future research could explore causal
50 pathways to identify treatment targets to improve care.

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Introduction

52 Unhealthy lifestyle behaviors, such as physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, a poor sleep pattern
53 and substance use, are prevalent among people with mental illness (MI)[1,2]. In recent
54 years, these behaviors have gained more attention in mental health care due to their
55 substantial role in the development of physical conditions, such as cardiovascular disease,
56 obesity and diabetes mellitus[1,3,4]. These physical conditions contribute significantly to the
57 disability and mortality of people with MI, leading to a reduced life expectancy of up to 20
58 years compared to the general population[5,6]. Despite extensive evidence and calls for
59 action[7,8], the mortality gap persists. Moreover, the proportion of physical conditions
60 appears to be increasing in people with MI, so promoting a healthier lifestyle is necessary
61 and warrants additional investment[9].

62 Lifestyle behaviors not only impact physical health but are also linked to the onset and
63 persistence of mental disorders. Growing evidence supports the efficacy of lifestyle
64 interventions in improving both physical and mental health[2,10–14]. Furthermore, a
65 comprehensive meta-review investigated how various lifestyle behaviors individually affect
66 the onset and treatment of mental disorders[2]. However, it also highlights the predominant
67 focus on the isolated effects of individual lifestyle behaviors. Since lifestyle behaviors do not
68 occur in isolation, it is crucial to gain more understanding of their interrelations.

69 Research into lifestyle behaviors has primarily focused on physical activity (PA), which is
70 strongly linked to other lifestyle behaviors[2]. Regular PA has been shown to improve sleep
71 quality[15], while sleep deprivation can reduce motivation for exercise and lower overall
72 activity levels[16]. Poor sleep quality can also lead to lowered mood and reduced impulse
73 control, making it more difficult to maintain healthy behaviors[17]. Additionally, PA also plays
74 a role in cognitive functioning and executive planning, which can help better meal planning
75 and healthier food choices[18]. Conversely, sleep problems can increase dietary intake due
76 to extended wakefulness and disrupted hormonal regulation, increasing cravings for
77 unhealthy foods[19]. Furthermore, lifestyle behaviors such smoking complicate these

78 relationships. While nicotine has a stimulant effect which reduces the quality of sleep[20],
79 smoking cessation may increase appetite, which may lead to weight gain. These examples
80 illustrate the interconnected nature of lifestyle behaviors, influencing each other in ways that
81 can either support or hinder mental and physical health outcomes. It is therefore crucial that
82 we gain understanding into how these behaviors are interrelated, to address multiple lifestyle
83 behaviors simultaneously.

84 The network approach offers a powerful method for exploring these complex
85 relationships[21,22]. A psychological network consists of nodes representing observed
86 variables, connected by edges representing statistical relationships[23]. For example, the
87 Gaussian Graphical Model (GGM) estimates a network of partial correlation coefficients.
88 These coefficients represent the strength of a relation between two variables after controlling
89 for the other variables in the model[24]. Furthermore, by assessing network parameters like
90 node strength, we can gain insight into which nodes are more strongly connected than
91 others. Strongly connected nodes may signal symptoms that could potentially play an
92 important role in stabilizing the network and may be investigated as treatment targets [16].

93 This study aims to explore the relationships among lifestyle behaviors and health outcomes,
94 and to identify the most central lifestyle behavior or health outcome in this network. In line
95 with the exploratory nature of this study, there were no specific predictions about which
96 behavior or health outcome was most central. Nevertheless, given the associations between
97 lifestyle behaviors and mental and physical health, we hypothesized that these behaviors
98 were interconnected rather than independent. Understanding these interconnections could
99 inform treatment and guide future research to address the challenges people with MI face in
100 improving their health.

101 **Methods**

102 **Study design and setting**

103 This study is based on cross-sectional data, collected as part of a larger trial evaluating the

104 effectiveness and implementation of a lifestyle-focused approach for inpatients with MI
105 (MULTI+)[20]. The overarching trial was conducted at GGz Centraal, a mental healthcare
106 facility in the Netherlands, comprising 45 inpatient wards grouped into three clusters with
107 approximately 800 places of residence. During the trial, all clusters initially delivered care as
108 usual (CAU), and every six months one cluster transitioned to MULTI+ until all clusters had
109 switched. Measurements were collected at the start of the trial, and subsequently at a six-
110 month interval (after 6, 12 and 18 months) across all clusters. For the present study, we used
111 data collected prior to each cluster's transition from CAU to MULTI+, thereby providing
112 insights into lifestyle behavior and health outcomes of people with MI receiving CAU.

113 **Study population**

114 People were included if they were aged ≥ 16 years and had a treatment duration exceeding
115 10 days within one of the psychiatric wards. This time frame was pragmatically chosen to
116 ensure that patients had sufficient exposure to treatment conditions. People were excluded if
117 they had a limited understanding of the Dutch language or their (mental) health condition
118 hindered informed consent.

119 **Procedure**

120 Data were collected during CAU, which includes pharmacological and psychological
121 treatment, without structured lifestyle interventions. Instead, lifestyle-related activities varied
122 between individuals or teams, depending on specific needs and available resources. Data
123 were collected from routine screening and questionnaires. These questionnaires were
124 administered as semi-structured interviews by trained research assistants (RA), allowing for
125 additional clarification when needed. We collaborated with staff across 45 wards to determine
126 the optimal conditions for conducting the semi-structured interviews, including the best time
127 of day and location. RAs were present for several days, approaching potential participants
128 with support from staff. RAs received training and followed a standardized interview protocol,
129 while weekly consensus meetings were held to ensure data quality. Participants provided
130 verbal informed consent. This procedure was employed to visually communicate the study's

131 objectives and methodologies, enhancing comprehension for participants. A full description of
132 the procedures can be found in den Bleijker et al., (2020)[25].

133 **Outcomes**

134 Demographic characteristics were obtained from the electronic patient file. Study measures
135 and psychometric properties are outlined in Table 1, with a comprehensive description
136 available in den Bleijker et al.,(2020)[25]. Since lifestyle behaviors are central to our study,
137 we included multiple nodes to capture their nuances, whereas for other variables, we used
138 composite scores to reduce complexity while ensuring robust estimation.

139 *Lifestyle behaviors*

140 Physical activity was measured with the Simple Physical Activity Questionnaire (SIMPAQ;
141 [26]), a reliable and valid tool for assessing physical activity in people with severe MI. Sleep
142 problems were measured with the validated Scales for Outcomes in Parkinson's disease
143 Sleep (SCOPA SLEEP; [27]). We categorized smoking behavior according to the
144 categorization of the QRISK3 algorithm [28], in line with the primary outcome measure of the
145 MULTI+ trial. We used the 24-hour recall (24HR) method to measure dietary intake quality, in
146 which foods and beverages consumed over the past 24 hours are assessed. We evaluated
147 this according to the National food-based dietary guidelines (FBDG). The "Wheel of Five"
148 (WoF) is part of the FBDG and includes food groups associated with a reduced risk for
149 chronic diseases [29]. Each recalled food item was classified within or outside the WoF and
150 ranked on a 1-3 scale (1=below guideline, 2=meets guideline, 3=exceeds guideline). This
151 (classification) method is not validated, but was reviewed by a dietician and consensus
152 meetings were held to improve consistency.

153 *Physical health*

154 We used Body Mass Index (BMI), cholesterol ratio and Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) to
155 assess physical health. Additionally, we incorporated the Physical Quality of Life (QoL) scale
156 from the validated World Health Organization Quality of Life-BREF (WHOQoL-BREF;[30]) to
157 include a subjective perspective to our assessment of physical health.

158 *Mental health*

159 We used the Global Severity Index (GSI) from the Brief Symptom Inventory (BSI; [31]) to
160 measure symptom severity. The BSI is a validated and shorter questionnaire, which
161 measures symptoms of psychopathology[31]. To measure different domains of quality of life
162 (QoL), the Environmental, Psychological and Social scales of the WHOQoL-BREF were
163 included[30].

164 *Medication*

165 Medication use was obtained from the pharmacy's electronic system. Prescriptions are
166 converted into Daily Defined Dose (DDD) according to the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
167 Classification System (ATC) from the World Health Organization (WHO). The DDD is a
168 standardized unit for statistical purposes and represents the presumed average daily
169 maintenance dosage of a drug when prescribed for its main indication[32]. For this study, we
170 calculated the DDD for ATC codes N05A (antipsychotics) and N06A (antidepressants).

171 [Insert table 1]

172 **Statistical analysis**

173 Questionnaires were processed according to their manuals. Routine screening data were
174 checked for entry errors, which were removed. Any extreme values that were not due to
175 errors were retained to maintain a representative view of the population.

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177 *Network construction*

178 We estimated a Gaussian Graphical Model (GGM) incorporating all measures outlined in
179 Table 1 as continuous variables[33]. We used LASSO regularization, because the number of
180 included variables was relatively high compared to the number of observations. We opted for
181 a hyper-tuning parameter of 0, resulting in a more lenient inclusion of edges, as our study
182 aim is exploratory[34]. Since many variables were skewed, we used Spearman's rank-
183 correlation and pairwise complete observations to handle missing data[33].

184 *Visualization*

185 We used the Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm for the layout of our network[35]. This
186 algorithm positions nodes with high strength and/or more connections closer to each other,
187 and closer to the center of the network. Thickness and saturation of edges are proportional to
188 the strength of the conditional association. Blue edges indicate a positive conditional
189 association, while red edges indicate a negative conditional association[36].

190 *Centrality analysis*

191 We calculated strength centrality to quantify how strongly nodes were connected to other
192 nodes in the network. Node strength is calculated by summing the absolute weighted number
193 and strength of all edges of a node and comparing it to those of all other nodes in the
194 network[37].

195 *Network accuracy*

196 Before interpreting the network, we evaluated the accuracy and stability of the estimated
197 network. We followed the bootstrap procedures as described in Epskamp et al., (2018)[24].
198 First, we examined the stability of strength centrality using case-dropping bootstrap based on
199 1000 samples (re-estimating the network with a different number of observations). This
200 method quantifies the stability of the order of strength centrality with the correlation stability
201 coefficient (CS-coefficient). A CS-coefficient of 0.7 is considered reliable. Second, we
202 evaluated the accuracy of the edge weights. We used non-parametric bootstrapping based
203 on 1000 samples (observations are resampled with replacement creating new datasets).
204 Third, we performed bootstrapped difference tests between the edge-weights and the
205 strength indices to test if these differed significantly from each another.

206 *Statistical packages*

207 The analyses have been performed in R Statistical Software[38]. For network estimation we
208 used the *estimateNetwork* function in the *bootnet* R-package version 1.5.3[23]. Furthermore,
209 methods for accuracy analyses are implemented in this package[24]. We used the *qgraph* R-
210 package version 1.9.5 to visualize our network[39].

211

Results

212 Patient characteristics

213 The study included 423 patients, of whom 42% were female and 41% had a diagnosis of
214 schizophrenia or another psychotic disorder. The mean age was 55.5 (SD=17.6, range=19-
215 91), and more than half of the participants were hospitalized for more than a year.

216 Demographic characteristics are described in Table 2. Analyses were conducted with and
217 without extreme values. Because the results showed no substantial differences, the results
218 including extreme values are presented.

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[Insert Table 2]

220 Network analysis

221 The network structure in Figure 1 illustrates the conditional associations among lifestyle
222 behaviors, physical health and mental health outcomes. Each node represents a symptom or
223 behavior, while each edge depicts a bidirectional partial correlation between the nodes,
224 considering all other associations in the network. The accompanying strength centrality
225 indices are presented in Figure 2.

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[Insert Figure 1]

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[Insert Figure 2]

228 Generally, we observe a network structure in which all nodes are connected to at least one
229 other node in the network. The nodes with the highest strength centrality are psychological
230 QoL (15), physical QoL (12), nighttime sleep problems (2) and overall sleep quality (1).
231 sFigure 3 in the supplement provides an overview of the (non)significant differences between
232 strength centrality indices.

233 When investigating strength of the nodes related to lifestyle behavior, nighttime sleep
234 problems (2) was stronger than almost half of the nodes in the network. Overall sleep quality
235 (1) cannot be shown to be significantly different from many other nodes (see sFigure 3). A

236 strong positive connection existed between overall sleep quality and nighttime sleep
237 problems (1–2). Furthermore, sleep was strongly associated with physical QoL, with
238 associations between both overall sleep quality and physical QoL (1–12) and nighttime sleep
239 problems and physical QoL (2–12). In terms of strength, psychological QoL (15) and physical
240 QoL (12) were statistically stronger than most of the other nodes (see sFigure 3). All QoL
241 nodes (12, 14, 15, 16) are positively associated, indicating that higher QoL in one domain is
242 associated with higher QoL in other domains.

243 Additionally, we observed strong negative associations between psychological QoL and both
244 the daily dose of antidepressants (15–18) and Global Severity Index (15–13). This suggests
245 that psychological QoL is probably lower when people take higher doses of antidepressants
246 or when they experience more severe symptoms (and vice versa). Other strong associations
247 in the network include the negative association between percentage of healthy food intake
248 and cholesterol ratio (5–10) and the positive association between daily doses of
249 antipsychotics and length of hospital stay (17–20). No clear pattern of relationships emerged
250 among other lifestyle behaviors or physical health outcomes.

251 **Network accuracy**

252 Results of the accuracy analyses are available in the supplement. We quantified the stability
253 of node strength with the CS-coefficient, which indicated that node strength stability is good
254 and that 75% of the sample can be dropped to still maintain a correlation of 0.7 with the
255 original strength metrics as computed on the entire sample ($S(\text{cor}=0.7)=0.75$; sFigure 1).
256 Thus, the order of the variables as indexed by strength can be interpreted. sFigure 2 shows
257 that the edges between the strongest nodes (e.g., 1–2, 12–15, 1–12 and 2–12) were present
258 in all of the bootstrapped samples, and differed from approximately half of the other edge
259 weights (sFigure 4).

260 **Sensitivity analyses**

261 We estimated a post-hoc network excluding antipsychotic medication use (given its impact
262 on lifestyle behavior and health outcomes) and conducted subgroup analyses for individuals

263 aged 65 and younger, and those with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders.
264 Visualizations show that most of the links are similar across networks. Additionally,
265 correlation between edge-weight matrices is high ($r=0.81-0.93$), indicating that results remain
266 consistent across subgroups. Results are provided in appendix 2 of the supplement. These
267 findings support the robustness of our original findings.

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Discussion

269 This study applied a network approach to explore the complex interrelations among lifestyle
270 behaviors and physical and mental health outcomes in people with MI. Sleep and QoL
271 emerged as the most central nodes, based on strength centrality. Constructing this
272 exploratory network provides valuable insights into the importance of lifestyle behaviors,
273 health outcomes, and their interconnectedness. This complements current evidence in which
274 such relationships were mainly analyzed in isolation.

275 Sleep emerged as the most strongly connected lifestyle behavior, and results indicate that
276 sleep and QoL are related (i.e. people with more sleep problems may have a lower QoL and
277 vice versa). The well-established association between sleep disturbances and reduced QoL
278 is particularly relevant for people with MI, who often experience sleep problems, affecting
279 their physical and mental health[40]. Furthermore, evidence is increasing for the causal role
280 of sleep in both the onset and treatment of various mental disorders[11]. Despite this, sleep is
281 often perceived as a consequence of MI, rather than as a symptom to address. Sleep
282 problems are often treated pharmacologically, which helps with sleep duration but negatively
283 affects sleep quality and hinders daytime activity in the long term due to its sedative
284 nature[41]. Our findings underscore the importance of addressing sleep problems, because
285 improving sleep quality has the potential to impact other health related-outcomes in people
286 with MI, especially QoL[42].

287 QoL was another central node, particularly the psychological and physical domains. These
288 domains address intrinsic experiences of individuals, unlike the social and environmental

289 dimensions of QoL. The strength of these nodes emphasizes the importance of internal
290 experiences of well-being. This aligns with research recognizing the value of such patient-
291 reported outcomes, as they provide direct insights into individuals' perceptions of their own
292 health and quality of life[43]. Furthermore, the strong association between psychological and
293 physical QoL aligns with the well-documented comorbidity between physical and mental
294 health, yet physical health is often neglected in treatment[4]. While clinical guidelines
295 emphasize monitoring and managing physical health risks of people with MI, adherence in
296 clinical practice remains poor[44]. Our results highlight the importance of perceived
297 psychological and physical health and its potential impact on other health-related outcomes.

298 Contrary to prior research on the relationship between lifestyle behaviors and health
299 outcomes, physical activity, nutrition, and smoking did not emerge as central nodes in our
300 network. One possible explanation lies in methodological factors: the distribution of physical
301 activity was highly skewed, potentially limiting its role in the network; smoking was
302 categorized as a five-level variable, reducing variability; and nutrition was measured using a
303 non-validated method, which may have introduced measurement errors. However, another
304 relevant possibility is that sleep simply plays a more dominant role in this network than other
305 lifestyle behaviors. Sleep is known to affect mood, cognition, and self-regulation, all of which
306 are crucial for maintaining other healthy behaviors[45–47]. This suggests that sleep may be a
307 key factor in improving other lifestyle behaviors, rather than these behaviors independently
308 driving health outcomes. In the context of network analysis, this does not necessarily imply
309 that physical activity, nutrition, or smoking are unimportant, but rather that sleep plays a more
310 central role.

311 Beyond the centrality of sleep and QoL, several other noteworthy associations were
312 observed. A positive association was found between the percentage of healthy food intake
313 and cholesterol ratio, aligning with existing research in the general population[48]. However,
314 research on this relation remains limited in people with MI, and disrupted cholesterol levels
315 can also be influenced by hereditary factors and psychotropic medication[49]. While our

316 findings suggest a potential link between healthier dietary intake and cholesterol ratio, this
317 estimate was unstable, and more research is needed to investigate this link. Further, the
318 association between the use of antipsychotics and the duration of admission may be
319 explained by the higher illness severity in people with psychotic disorders, who are more
320 frequently and longer hospitalized compared to other psychiatric populations[50]. However,
321 medication effects are complex, and more in-depth analyses of the underlying mechanisms
322 of medication effects were beyond the scope of this analysis. It would be a valuable direction
323 for future research to further explore these interdependencies, providing a more
324 comprehensive understanding of the role of medication in an interconnected network of
325 health behaviors.

326 **Limitations**

327 Several limitations affect the interpretation of our results. First, when two nodes are strongly
328 connected, they may measure the same underlying construct (topological overlap), with the
329 risk of misinterpretation of the network structure[51]. In our network, this concern arises in
330 the association between psychological QoL and physical QoL, as well as between quality of
331 sleep and nighttime sleepiness, as they originate from the same questionnaire. However,
332 these constructs represent distinct domains within a validated questionnaire. Furthermore,
333 results showed that the association between these domains was stable. Another limitation is
334 missing data. The use of routine screening data helped reduce participant burden but also
335 resulted in missing values due to low screening rates. Additionally, not all participants could
336 complete all questionnaires due to illness severity or cognitive deficits. To account for missing
337 values, we used the pairwise complete observations integrated in the *Bootnet package* to
338 estimate a GGM. Finally skewed variables could have affected the stability of our results.

339 **Clinical implications**

340 Given the central role of sleep, addressing sleep disturbances in treatment may not only
341 improve sleep quality, but also positively impact QoL. This can be done through Cognitive
342 Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia, an effective first line treatment for people with MI that has

343 demonstrated beneficial effects[52]. Furthermore, the centrality of physical QoL underscores
344 the need for better physical health management, especially given the health disparities of
345 people with MI. Likewise, the central role of psychological and physical QoL emphasizes their
346 importance in the health status of people with MI. While this study is cross-sectional, it
347 underscores the need to prioritize sleep and QoL in both clinical practice and research.

348 **Conclusion and future research**

349 This study provides a novel perspective on the interplay between lifestyle behaviors and
350 physical and mental health outcomes in people with MI. Our findings highlight the central role
351 of sleep and QoL in this network, suggesting that sleep disturbances are important to address
352 in treatment. Building on these results, future research could focus on testing specific
353 (causal) pathways through methods such as mediation analysis or network intervention
354 analysis. For instance, by exploring whether improving sleep as a key lifestyle behavior could
355 enhance quality of life and activate other health outcomes. These approaches would offer a
356 deeper understanding of the mechanisms at play, which was beyond the scope of the current
357 study. Additionally, our findings show the importance of internal experiences of QoL. Given
358 their interconnected nature, we advocate for a holistic therapeutic approach, taking the
359 reciprocal influence of lifestyle behavior and physical and mental health into account to
360 improve treatment of people with MI.

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Availability of data and materials

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Supplementary Material

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Abbreviations

- 386 **MI:** Mental illness
- 387 **GGM:** Gaussian Graphical Model
- 388 **MULTI+:** multidisciplinary lifestyle focused approach in the treatment of inpatients with
389 mental illness
- 390 **SIMPAQ:** Simple Physical Activity Questionnaire
- 391 **SCOPA SLEEP:** Scales for Outcomes in Parkinson's disease Sleep
- 392 **24HR:** 24-hour recall
- 393 **FBDG:** the National food-based dietary guidelines
- 394 **WoF:** Wheel of Five
- 395 **BMI:** Body Mass Index
- 396 **MAP:** Mean Arterial Pressure
- 397 **QoL:** Quality of Life
- 398 **WHOQoL-BREF:** World Health Organization Quality of Life-BREF
- 399 **GSI:** Global Severity Index
- 400 **BSI:** Brief Symptom Inventory
- 401 **DDD:** Daily Defined Dose
- 402 **ATC:** Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System
- 403 **LASSO:** Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator
- 404 **bCI:** bootstrapped Confidence Intervals
- 405 **CS-coefficient:** Correlation Stability coefficient

406 **Figure and table captions**

407 Table 1. Description of outcome measures. Abbreviations: *SIMPAQ* Simple Physical Activity
 408 Questionnaire; *SCOPA SLEEP* Scales for Outcomes in Parkinson's disease Sleep; *DP*
 409 Diastolic blood pressure; *SP* Systolic blood pressure; *BSI* Brief Symptom Inventory;
 410 *WHOQoL-BREF* World Health Organization Quality of Life; *DDD* Daily Defined Dose; *ATC*
 411 Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System. ¹Answering options differ between
 412 questions, such as from very poor to very good, or from not at all to extremely.

413 Table 2. Patient characteristics. 1) Item frequency varies across variables due to missing
 414 values resulting from low screening rates, and because not all patients could complete all
 415 questionnaires due to illness severity or cognitive deficits; 2) Diagnoses in this category are:
 416 Personality disorder, n=22; Neurocognitive disorder, n=11; Anxiety disorder, n=7; Trauma and
 417 stressor-related disorder, n=7; Somatic symptom disorder, n=4; Other, n=5; Missing, n=5; 3)
 418 The Defined Daily Doses (DDDs) of the three most frequently prescribed antipsychotics and
 419 antidepressants are noted; 4) Other antipsychotics prescribed, in order of prevalence, are:
 420 Haloperidol, n=38; Aripiprazole, n=32; Risperidone, n=28; Zuclopenthixol, n=20; Amisulpride,
 421 n=14; Flupentixol, n =12; Pipamperone, n=9; Penfluridol, n=8. Paliperidone, n=5,
 422 Chlorpromazine, n=4; Pimozide, n=4; Sulpiride, n=2; 5) Other antidepressants prescribed, in
 423 order of prevalence, are: Clomipramine, n=14; Paroxetine, n=14; Venlafaxine, n=12;
 424 Mirtazapine, n=11; Tranylcypromine, n=11; Fluoxetine, n=9; Sertraline, n=8; Bupropion, n=8;
 425 Fluvoxamine, n=7; Amitriptyline, n=3; Imipramine, n=1; Dusolepin, n=1; Trazodone, n=1.

426 Figure 1. Graphical representation of the estimated network model including lifestyle
 427 behaviors, physical health and mental health differentiated by colors. Blue edges indicate a
 428 positive conditional association, red edges indicate a negative conditional association.
 429 Thickness and saturation of edges is proportional to the strength of the conditional
 430 association. *Note*: higher scores on overall sleep quality means more overall sleep problems.

431 Figure 2. Centrality plot illustrating the strength of the nodes in the network depicted in figure
 432 1. Nodes are ordered from the node with the highest strength to the node with the lowest
 433 strength. Node strength quantifies how strongly a node is directly connected to other nodes

434 (summing the absolute value of the edges to each node). All values are standardized, higher
435 values indicating more centrality.

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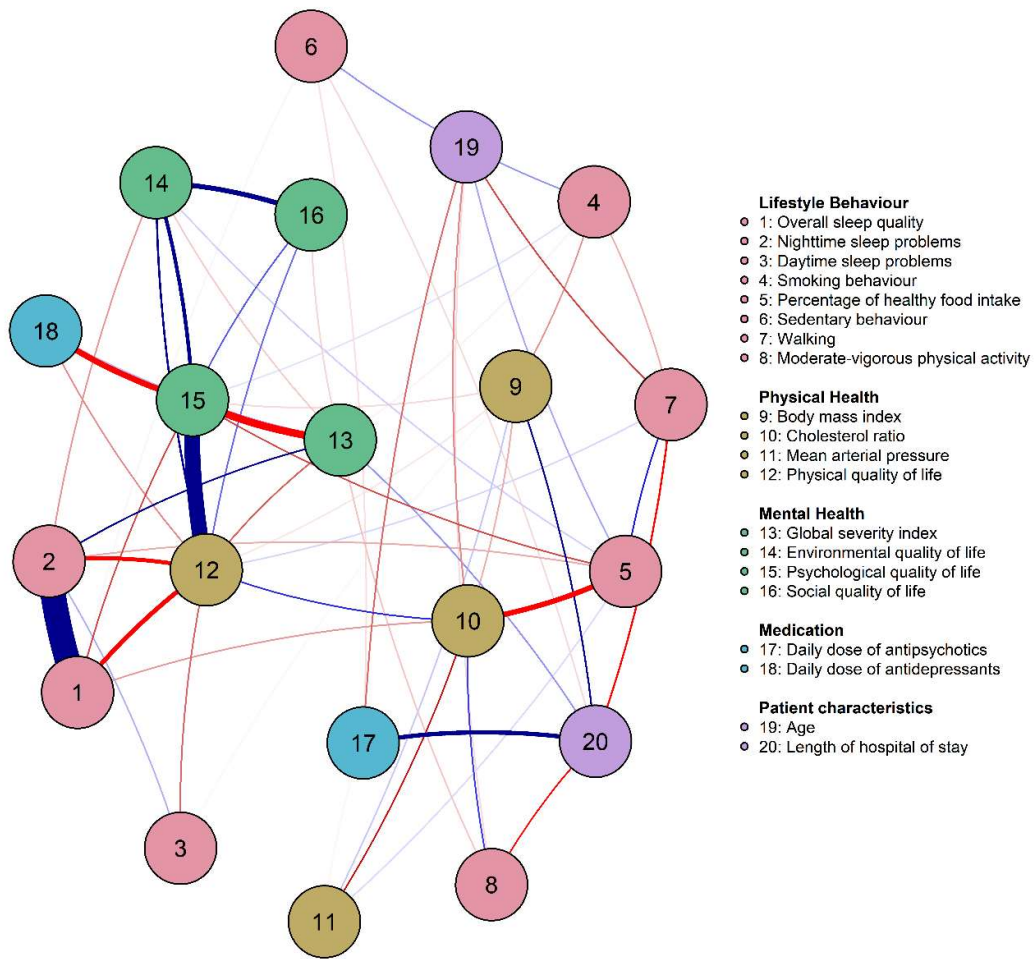
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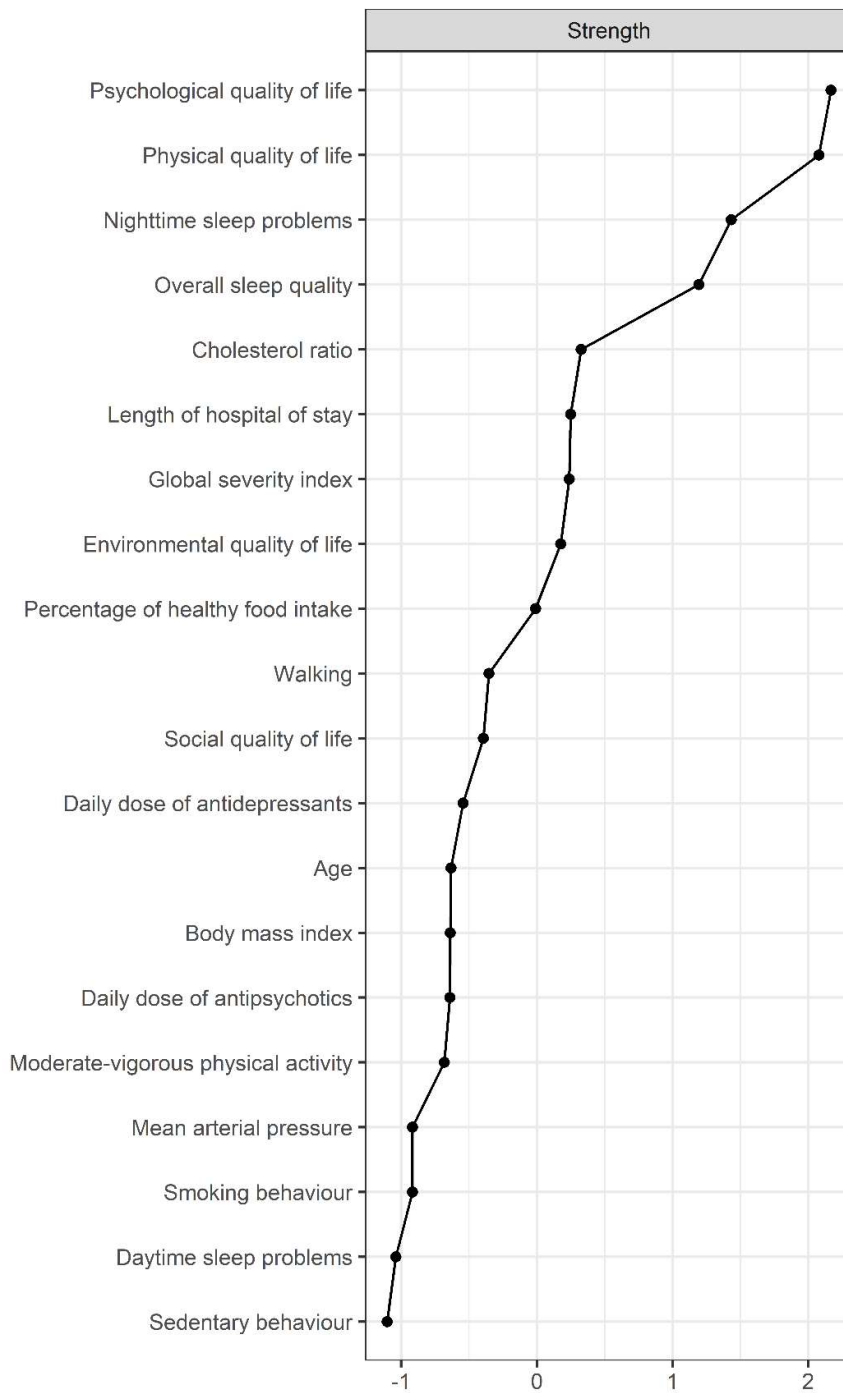
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Table 1 – Description of outcome measures and their psychometric properties			
Domain	Instrument and properties	Measure/domain	Calculation of item
Lifestyle behaviors	SIMPAQ: Reliability assessments show acceptable to good consistency, with Spearman correlation coefficients ranging from $\rho = .63$ to $\rho = .76$. The validity for moderate-to-vigorous physical activity is $\rho = .25$ across the full sample, aligning with findings from studies in the general population. Due to insufficient evidence supporting the validity of self-reported sedentary behavior, an alternative calculation method is recommended, which we used[1].	Sedentary behavior	Subtraction of the total self-reported time spent in various forms of non-sedentary behavior (time spent in bed, walking, exercising, and engaging in incidental activities) from the total duration of 24 hours (hours/day).
		Walking	Self-reported time spent walking (hours/week).
		Moderate to vigorous physical activity	Self-reported time spent exercising (hours/week).
	SCOPA SLEEP Demonstrated strong reliability for both nighttime sleep problems ($\alpha = .88$) and daytime sleep problems ($\alpha = .91$), as well as good construct validity in a Dutch sample of individuals with Parkinson's disease. Scores on all domains showed high correlations with established, validated instruments assessing the same constructs[2].	Overall sleep quality	1 item to evaluate overall quality of sleep, scored on a 7-point ranging from slept very well to slept very badly.
		Daytime sleep problems	Sum score of 6 items evaluating problems with falling asleep during the day. Items are scored on a 4-point Likert scale ranging from 0 (not at all/never) to three (a lot/often).
		Nighttime sleep problems	Sum score of 5 items evaluating insomnia. Items are scored on a 4-point Likert scale ranging from 0 (not at all/never) to three (a lot/often).
Routine screening Data is routinely collected by healthcare professionals as part of standard care. In line with the primary outcome measure of the overarching trial, we categorized smoking behavior according to the QRISK3 algorithm[3].	Smoking behavior	1 non-smoker 2 ex-smoker 3 light smoker (less than 10) 4 moderate smoker (10 to 19) 5 heavy smoker (20 or over)	
24-hour recall A retrospective method used to quickly assess an individual's food intake. For this study, a 24-h recall was designed using the five-pass method. This method is commonly used and reduces bias[4]. The method is not validated, but consensus	Percentage of healthy food intake	The percentage of healthy food intake as a proportion of the total food intake. Food intake is evaluated to determine whether it belongs within or outside the food groups outlined in the Wheel of Five. Within each food group, rankings "1", "2" or "3" were assigned to each consumed food item (1=below guideline, 2=meets	

	meetings were held to discuss uncertainties regarding food items, and a dietician reviewed decisions.		guideline, 3=exceeds guideline). Rankings are aggregated and the percentage of healthy food intake is calculated by dividing the ranking assigned to healthy food intake by the total ranking assigned to all types of food intake.	
Physical health	Routine screening Data is routinely collected by healthcare professionals as part of standard care	Body Mass Index	Weight (kg) divided by the square of height (cm)	
		Cholesterol ratio	Total cholesterol level (HDL + LDL) divided by HDL cholesterol level	
		Mean Arterial Pressure	DP + 1/3(SP – DP)	
	WHOQOL-BREF Shows acceptable to good internal consistency ($\alpha = .66$ to $\alpha = .80$), and has also been validated in people with schizophrenia, showing strong content and construct validity[5].	Physical QoL	Item scores have various options but always range from one to five, such as very poor to very good, or not at all to extremely, and are converted to domain scores (range from four to 20)[6]. Mean score of 7 items, ranging from 0 to 5 ¹	
Mental health	BSI Internal consistency ranges from $\alpha = .71$ to $\alpha = .85$, and the BSI is considered a reliable measure over time [7]. In a Dutch sample, it showed acceptable validity, sufficient test-retest reliability, and strong internal consistency, with $\alpha > .80$ on eight of the nine scales[8].	Global Severity Index	The BSI consists of 53 items that reflect 9 symptom domains; each item is rated on a 5-point scale from 0 (not at all) to 4 (extremely). The GSI combines information about the number of symptoms and the intensity of distress. It is calculated by summing the 9 symptom dimensions, divided by the total number of items to which the individual responded[7].	
		WHOQOL-BREF See psychometric properties in the physical health domain	Environmental QoL	Mean score of 8 items ¹
			Psychological QoL	Mean score of 6 items ¹
Medication	Information on medication use is obtained from the pharmacy's electronic system.	Social QoL	Mean score of 3 items ¹	
		Dose of antipsychotics	DDD of ATC classification N05A	
		Dose of antidepressants	DDD of ATC classification N06A	

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Table 2 – Patient characteristics			
	N ¹		Min – Max
Sex, <i>n (%) female</i>	423	179 (42.3)	
Age in years, <i>m (sd)</i>	423	55.5 (17.6)	19 – 91
Diagnosis, <i>n (%)</i>	418		
• Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders		175 (41.4)	
• Substance abuse		70 (16.5)	
• Bipolar disorder		49 (11.6)	
• Depressive disorder		38 (9)	
• Neurodevelopmental disorder		30 (7.1)	
• Other diagnoses ²		61 (14.4)	
Days of hospitalization, <i>m (sd)</i>	423	605 (602)	12 - 2370
• >5 years, <i>n (%)</i>		28 (6.6)	
• 1-5 years, <i>n (%)</i>		192 (45.4)	
• <1 year, <i>n (%)</i>		203 (48)	
○ <1 month, <i>n (%)</i>		20 (4.7)	
Lifestyle behavior			
Sleep <i>m (sd)</i>			
• Overall sleep quality (0-6)	412	2.3 (1.8)	0 - 6
• Daytime sleep problems (0-18)	400	1.7 (2.7)	0 - 18
• Nighttime sleep problems (0-15)	408	4.1 (4.3)	0 - 15
Smoking behavior: yes <i>n (%)</i>	262	162 (59.6)	
• Non-smoker		58 (13.7)	
• Ex-smoker		50 (11.8)	
• Light smoker (< 10 cigarettes)		40 (9.5)	
• Moderate smoker (10-19 cigarettes)		57 (13.5)	
• Heavy smoker (>20 cigarettes)		57 (13.5)	
Percentage healthy food intake <i>m (sd)</i>	146	47.7 (15.5)	7 – 90
Physical Activity <i>m (sd)</i>			
• Sedentary behavior (hours/day)	366	13.4 (2.1)	6.5 – 19.7
• Walking (min/week)	389	142.4 (157.4)	0 – 840
• Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (min/week), <i>m (sd)</i>	385	49.3 (71.8)	0 - 323

Physical health			
Body Mass Index (BMI) <i>m (sd)</i>	304	26.8 (5.8)	11.5 – 44.9
Cholesterol ratio (mmol/l) <i>m (sd)</i>	162	4.3 (1.7)	1.4 – 10.2
Mean arterial pressure (mmHg), <i>m (sd)</i>	372	97.5 (10.5)	70 – 123.3
Physical Quality of Life (7-35)	299	14.1 (3.2)	5.1 – 20
Mental health			
Global Severity Index (0-4)	276	2 (0.6)	1 – 3.6
Environmental Quality of Life (8-40)	300	14.4 (2.7)	5.5 – 19.5
Psychological Quality of Life(6-30)	298	13 (3.5)	4.7 – 19.3
Social Quality of Life (3-15)	297	13.6 (3.7)	4 – 20
Medication³	423		
• Antipsychotic medication use: yes <i>n (%)</i>		295 (69.7)	
○ Antipsychotic medication (<i>DDD</i>)	295	.92 (1.2)	0 – 7.8
▪ Olanzapine	95	1.25 (0.99)	0.25 – 6
▪ Clozapine	68	0.75 (0.65)	0.04 – 3
▪ Quetiapine ⁴	66	0.34 (0.4)	0.03 – 2.25
• Antidepressant medication use: yes <i>n (%)</i>		142 (33.6)	
○ Antidepressant medication (<i>DDD</i>)		.51 (1.2)	0 – 12
▪ Citalopram	23	0.05 (0.28)	0 – 2
▪ Nortriptyline	20	0.03 (0.17)	0 – 1.33
▪ Escitalopram ⁵	17	0.05 (0.30)	0 – 3

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