HOW DO PATIENTS DESCRIBE THEIR DEPRESSION? - INCORPORATING THE PROBED RESPONSES FROM SEMI-STRUCTURED QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWS IN IDENTIFYING DISEASE-DEFINING CONCEPTS USING SPONTANEOUS AND FORCED RESPONSES TO ASSESSING IMPACTS OF MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (MDD) ON COGNITIVE FUNCTION

OBJECTIVES:

To identify symptoms and functional impacts associated with major depressive disorder (MDD) using concept elicitation interviews with patients to determine relevant concepts for assessment in patient-reported outcome (PRO) measures for cross-sectional assessment in a sample of adults (18-65 years) meeting DSM-IV-TR criteria for MDD with a depressive episode within the last 6 months and Hamilton-D score >18 at screening. Symptom and functional impacts associated with MDD were identified through qualitative interviews. Relevant patient-identified concepts was achieved within the first 32 interviews. Symptoms and functional impacts associated with MDD were identified through qualitative interviews. Relevant patient-identified concepts was achieved within the first 32 interviews. Eleven different domains of impact code stems were derived from the transcripts. Domains with the greatest symptom expression included 1) Emotional/Mood (624/3022 [20.6%] of symptom expressions), 2) Fatigue/Falling Asleep (67.5% [55.0%]), 3) Low Self-Esteem (65.0% [32.5%]), 4) Anxiety (62.5% [55.0%]), 5) Gift (62.1% [54.5%]), 6) Troubling/Fearing (60.3% [52.5%]), 7) Difficulty Waking (60.1% [50.0%]), 8) Future (75.0% [50.0%]), and 9) Irritability (75.4% [52.5%]). The most frequently reported impacts were: Having Fewer Friends (92.5% [56.0%]), Feeling Isolated (82.5% [57.5%]), and Difficulties with Chores (77.3% [50.0%]).

CONCLUSIONS: Symptoms and functional impacts associated with MDD were identified through qualitative interviews. Relevant patient-identified concepts was achieved within the development of patient-reported outcomes, whereas other concepts identified primarily through probing may not offer the best candidate for assessment. Strength of these findings is suggested by achievement of concept saturation.

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