



Aim

Subject Population

Method Used

Type of Study

Variables

Research Questions

Conclusion

Type: A cohort study

Sample: 4,746 (B&W) church going adults

Indirect effect of DM on later depression diagnosis because of BMI

→ BMI risk factor for both Diabetes and depression



Bidirectional longitudinal study of type 2 diabetes and depression symptoms in black and white church going adults

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Abstract

Background: There is a need to longitudinally examine depression and DM2 relationship in a population that values positive health behaviors. The aim of the study was to prospectively investigate the bidirectional relationship between depression and DM2.

Methods: A cohort sample of 4,746 Black (2848) and White (1768) Seventh-day Adventists, who participated in the Bioprospective Religion and Health Study (BRHS) completed a short form of the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D-11) along with collection of life-time physician diagnosis of type 2 diabetes (DM2) and treatment of DM2 and/or depression in the past 12 months in 2006-7 and 2010-11. Hierarchical logistic regression analyses were completed to predict risk for future disease while controlling for demographic and health/wellness variables.

Results: While there were no direct effects of depression on later DM2, there was an indirect effect mediated by BMI, $OR = 0.15, 95\% CI = 0.05, 0.20$. After controlling for demographic variables, individuals with type 2 diabetes (DM2) who reported depression similarly, there was also only a modest effect of later depression on later DM2, $OR = 0.05, 95\% CI = 0.01, 0.10$. These findings were similar for both demographic subgroups.

Conclusions: These findings highlight the indirect risk for later DM2 and depression. The negative association of having type 2 diabetes in conjunction with another disease can increase the risk for other chronic disease over the course of DM2 and depression, the length of study interval.

Keywords: Type 2 diabetes, Depression, Bidirectional, Black, Adventist

The relationship between depression and type 2 diabetes (DM2) has been observed for some time [1]. Individuals with DM2 depression is inversely associated compared to non-diabetic adults [2]. Cross-analytic studies also demonstrated that risk for diabetes in depressed individuals is up to 60% higher than for those without [3-5]. In contrast, Meak et al. [5] reported only a modest increase in the risk of developing depression for individuals with DM2.

There are several longitudinal, bidirectional depression and DM2 studies [6,7]. Pallickas et al. [6] followed a cohort of 971 white adults ages 50 and older for eight years as part of the Honolulu Heart Study and Chronic

Disease Study. Individuals with current depressive symptoms are at increased risk of DM2 after controls. Golden et al. [7] followed a cohort of white individuals as part of a longitudinal study of cardiovascular disease from 2000 to 2005. Risk for new incident DM2 was 1.10 higher with each five-point increase in Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D) score. However, many prior studies have been limited by cross-sectional analyses [8] or populations burdened by high rates of confounding health behaviors like smoking, alcohol use, and physical inactivity [9,10]. Therefore, there is a need to examine depression and DM2 in a population that values positive health behaviors. Seventh-day Adventists have been found to have relatively low rates of confounding health risk factors like smoking and alcohol use [11].

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Wanted to address the effect of obesity

In addition, we wanted to assess the effects of obesity since it is a risk factor for both depression and DM2 [12,13]. Silva, Atkinson, and Ismail [14] reviewed the relationship between depression and insulin resistance in the context of obesity. Depression can precipitate behavioral changes that increase the risk for obesity. Behaviors associated with depression include physical inactivity, excessive intake of high-calorie beverages, and smoking cigarettes. Like many other chronic diseases, type 2 diabetes is also highly influenced by environmental factors like diet and exercise. As individuals increase the intake of energy dense foods, there is an elevation of glucose levels. Chronic elevation of glucose levels can impact insulin sensitivity and impair the ability of the pancreas to regulate insulin. Insulin resistance and pancreatic beta-cell dysfunction are biological changes associated with type 2 diabetes [15].

Therefore, the present investigation examined whether baseline depression symptoms (and no DM2) predicted new incident DM2 in a population of older Adventist adults. In addition, we then evaluated whether self-reported DM2 (and no depression symptoms) at baseline predicted later depression symptoms. Finally, several a priori analyses were conducted to examine potential mediators (physical activity, length of study interval, and body mass index).

Methods

Participants and procedures

The Bioprospective Religion and Health Study (BRHS) is a longitudinal cohort study of Adventist adults in 2006-7 and again in 2010-11. Twenty thousand were randomly sampled from 97,000 US and Canadian participants from the Adventist Health Study-2 (AHS-2) in 2004-6 [16]. The BRHS was developed to better understand the influence of religion on health outcomes [13] via two 30-page questionnaires. The recruitment process included sending the religion and health questionnaire with an initial letter and subsequent reminder cards [16,17]. Participants provided written consent and Loma Linda University's Institutional Review Board approved the study.

In 2006-7, 10,988 participants completed the self-report BRHS questionnaire and 6,508 completed a similar questionnaire again in 2010-11. For this study, subjects were included if they (a) participated in both data collections, (b) were Black (African American, Caribbean Black, Israeli or White), (c) were Seventh-day Adventist, (d) had no history of smoking regularly, and (e) completed all self-report measures of depression and DM2.

Measures

All baseline measures were determined in 2006-7. Measures of depression symptoms and DM2 were also

reported in 2010-11. All measures were based on self-report.

Smoking history

Participants answered the following question: "Have you ever smoked regularly?" Options included: no, yes, cigars; yes, pipe; yes, cigarette. Individuals were included if they answered "no" to this item.

Depressive symptoms

Participants completed the CES-D-11, a measure of current depressive symptoms in the past week [18]. This abbreviated form has been found to be an accurate and reliable measure of depressive symptoms. For our study, we followed Kohout's conversion transformation so that values were transformed to α -scores, then α -scores were multiplied by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES-1) standard deviation. NHANES-1 standardized α -score means were then added to each score. The NHANES-1 distributions were standard normal by gender. The average CES-D scores for men were 7.1 (SD = 7.2) compared to 10.0 (SD = 9.1) for women. Individuals with NHANES-1 adjusted CES-D scores ≥ 16 were identified as having elevated depressive symptoms for screening, not diagnostic purposes. This has been found to be indicative of mild to moderate depression [19].

Individuals were categorized as having depression (yes or no) if they have at least one of the following: CES-D score ≥ 16 , treatment by a physician for depression in the past 12 months (yes or no). Incident depression was defined among participants who did not have depression in 2006-7 but developed later depression in 2010-11.

Diabetes status

Study participants were asked whether they were "ever diagnosed with diabetes mellitus (type 2) adult onset by a physician." They also reported whether or not they were ever treated by a physician for DM2 in the past 12 months (yes or no). In a validation study of self-reported DM2 in a population of Adventist adults, self-report was found to be a relatively valid method for assessing DM2 with sensitivity ranging from 65.2% to 80.7% and specificity ranging from 85.2% to 97.9% depending on diagnostic reference criteria [20]. Participants who answered yes to either question were considered diabetic. Incident diabetes was defined among participants who did not have diabetes in 2006-7 but developed DM2 in 2010-11.

Sociodemographic characteristics

Variables included: age (years); gender; ethnicity (White, Black, marital status (never married, married, separated, divorced, and widowed); Marital status was then categorized to either married or not married. Educational attainment was

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METHOD

Participants and Procedures

→ Cohort study of Adventist adults

• 2006-2007 • 2010-2011
2 years 2 years

→ 10,000 randomly sampled from 97,000 US and Canadian in 2004-2006

→ written consent was taken.

→ Approved by Loma Linda University's Institutional Review Board.

→ 2006-2007 → participant completed the questionnaire

→ 2010-2011 → 6,508 sample participant completed the questionnaire

Study inclusion criteria:

- ① participated in both data collections
- ② whose Black or white or biracial
- ③ were Seventh-day Adventist
- ④ No smoking history (regularly)
- ⑤ Completed all self-report measures

1. participant in person data collection
2. white/black or white/biracial
3. were seventh-day Adventist
4. No smoking history (regularly)
5. completed all self-report measures of depression and DM2.

Measures

→ All baseline measure used in both study
→ based on self-report

1. Smoking history
Q: Have you ever smoked regularly?
a) No b) Yes, cigars c) Yes, pipe d) Yes, cigarettes
(Only individuals with No included)

Depressive symptoms

→ CES-D-11 was used for depressive symptoms in past week.

→ followed Kohout's conversion transformation

- Values transformed to Z-score
- values multiplied to NHANES-I standard deviation
- NHANES-I standardized gender gender specific means were added to score.
- NHANES-I distribution standardized means by gender.

→ Avg CES-D score for men = 7.1 (SD = 7.2)
women = 10.0 (SD = 9.1)

→ Individual with NHANES-I adjusted CES-D scores ≥ 16 were considered depressive symptoms (could to moderate depression)

- for inclusion in depression (at least one of)
 1. CES-D score ≥ 16
 2. treatment by a physician in past 12 months (Yes or No)
 3. incident of depression developed in 2nd period.

Diabetes status

- Q: ever diagnosed with diabetes mellitus.
- Q: ever treated with DM2 by physician in past 12 months (Yes or No)

→ Self-report sensitivity 65.2% to 80.5%
specificity 95.2% to 97.9%

- participant consider if any are questions a yes answered
- incident of diabetes later developed in 2nd survey

Sociodemographic Characteristics

- Variables
- age (years)
 - gender
 - ethnicity (white / black)
 - marital status (married, never married, separated, divorced and widowed) Further classified to married and not married
 - Education attainment (9 scale aggregated into 4 category)

Socio-economic status

- Q: difficulty meeting family expenses for basic needs in last year
- A: a little A: Not at all
- same as last year
- low socio-economic status
- high socio-economic status

Health behavior covariates

- Self-reported weight
- Physical activity • frequency • duration
- brisk walking, jogging, and bicycling per week
- Physical activity value in min/week determined by multiplying the frequency of sessions with the duration of activity.

Statistical analysis

→ Comparisons between demographic and clinical characteristics using

1. t-test for continuous variables
2. χ^2 test for categorical variables
- Analysis performed in PASW (Statistical Version 20) with $p < 0.05$ as statistical determinantal significant

→ logistic regression to predict new disease incidence while controlling other demographic and health variables

originally a nine-category scale (grade school, some high school, high school diploma, trade school diploma, some college, associate degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral degree). It was aggregated into four categories (high school or less, some college, some high school, high school diploma), some college, associate degree (some college diploma), bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree. Socioeconomic status was defined by participant's answer in 2006–7 to "difficulty meeting family expenses for basic needs in last year" test at a little, somewhat, fairly, and very. Participants who reported a fairly, somewhat, fairly, and very were then categorized as having low socioeconomic status not at all was then categorized as having high socioeconomic status.

Length of study interval

The length between BFRS study periods (2006–7 and 2010–11) was measured in days.

Health behavior covariates

BMI was calculated as self-reported weight (kg)/height (m)². Physical activity was determined by reported frequency, intensity, and duration of vigorous physical activities, such as brisk walking, jogging, and bicycling, per week. An activity with vigorous intensity was defined as an activity that "worked up a sweat, got your heart pumping or get out of breath". The total physical activity value in minutes per week was determined by multiplying the frequency of sessions with the duration of activity. The physical activity questions in this questionnaire have been shown to be both reliable and valid [21,22].

Statistical analysis

Comparisons between demographic and clinical characteristics were assessed using t-tests for continuous variables and χ^2 tests for categorical variables. Analyses were performed using PASW Statistics Version 20 (23) with a p -value of 0.05 as the determinant of statistical significance.

A series of hierarchical logistic regression analyses were completed to predict new disease incidence while controlling for other demographic and health variables. The first set of analyses determined whether baseline (2006–7) depression predicted new incident DM2 (2010–11) (see 19). Baseline depression (yes, no) was the independent variable with DM2 status (2010–11) as the dependent variable. We first excluded participants with DM2 at 2006–7. The model included the following variables in the listed order: age, gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic status, marital status, length of study interval, physical activity, and BMI.

The second set of analyses determined whether participants with self-reported DM2 at baseline (2006–7) were more likely to develop later depression (2010–11).

compared to those without (yes, no). Baseline 2006–7 DM2 status was the independent variable with follow-up depression in 2010–11 as the dependent variable. Participants with baseline (2006–7) depression were first excluded from the analysis. The model included the following variables in the listed order: age, gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic status, marital status, length of study interval, physical activity, and BMI.

Finally, we conducted additional analyses to examine potential mediators using Hayes PROCESS macro [24]. PROCESS is an SPSS add-on that aid in statistical mediation analyses using logistic regression based models. In addition, it is able to estimate both direct and indirect effects. We controlled for age, gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic, and marital status as covariates (order as listed). Length of interval, physical activity, and BMI were evaluated as possible mediators. PROCESS returns coefficients, standard errors, and confidence intervals.

Human participation protection

The institutional review board of the Iowa State University approved this study.

Results

Of the 6,508 eligible participants who participated in both data collection periods, 1,792 were excluded from analyses. There were significant differences between those who were included versus excluded in all baseline variables except socioeconomic status (see Table 1). The final sample consisted of 1,444 males (40.4%) and 1,095 females (60.4%) with a mean age of 64.3 years (SD = 8.29). The majority of the participants were White with some college or higher degrees of education, reported no financial difficulties in the year prior to 2006–7, and were married. The highest interval between the two study collection periods (2006–7 to 2010–11) ranged from 744 days (2.05 years) to 4,026 days (10.9 years). Although the average BMI was 28.2 (SD = 5.7), 1,012 participants (21.7%) were obese with a BMI greater than 30.

Ethnicity was examined and did not moderate the relationship between diabetes and depression.

Baseline depression and later DM2

At baseline (2006–7), 18.8% ($n = 882$) were identified as depressed based on CTD ≥ 16 and/or reported depression treatment in the past year. Individuals with depression were significantly different in all demographic and health measures compared to individuals without depression except for ethnicity and length of study interval. Consistent with previous literature [16], the rates of DM2 almost doubled in depressed participants (12.8%) compared to those without depression (7.5%) at baseline (2006–7).

Table 1 Characteristics of participants and excluded at baseline (2006–2007)

	Participants <i>n</i> = 4,746	Excluded ^a <i>n</i> = 1,762	<i>p</i> value
Mean (SD)			
Age (years)	64.3 (8.29)	67.7 (7.15)	<0.001
Female (%)	59.6	51.6	<0.001
White (%)	77.6	76.6	<0.001
Level of education (%)			<0.001
Trade/High school or less	17.4	27.8	
Some college or Associate's degree	20.6	12.2	
Bachelor's degree	24.9	18.6	
Graduate degree	25.2	15.4	
Low socioeconomic status (%)	22.8	23.1	0.2
Married (%)	58	52	<0.001
Length of study interval (days)	1,427.3 (229.8)	1,429.7 (229.8)	<0.001
Physical activity (min/week)	942 (837)	722 (843)	<0.001
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	28.2 (5.7)	27.1 (5.7)	<0.001
Depression (%)	18.8	25	<0.001
Age at baseline (%)	61	16.6	<0.001

^aExcluded from analyses because they did not respond to baseline measures of depression. Differences in age, gender, ethnicity, education, and marital status were significant. The reason was not stated if they had missing variables or if the depression or BMI reported as "other" in their eligibility letter. They had missing data on the response to the survey or their socioeconomic status. These socioeconomic status differences in the number of participants who reported a low, somewhat, fairly, and very difficult meeting expenses for basic needs in the last year. They also were identified as depressed in the past 12 months in 2006–7. These 2 categories are referred to as depressed meeting expenses for basic needs in the last year. They also were identified as depressed in the past 12 months in 2006–7.

Table 2 Baseline (2006–2007) characteristics of individuals with and without depression

	Not depressed <i>n</i> = 3,776	Depressed ^a <i>n</i> = 765	<i>p</i> value
Mean (SD)			
Age (years)	64.06 (8.29)	65.9 (7.77)	<0.001
Female (%)	59.6	52.8	<0.001
White (%)	77.6	75.1	<0.001
Level of education (%)			<0.001
Trade/High school or less	17.9	14.3	
Some college or Associate's degree	20.6	12.7	
Bachelor's degree	24.9	18.3	
Graduate degree	25.9	14.1	
Low socioeconomic status (%)	22.7	23.9	<0.001
Married (%)	57	53.9	<0.001
Length of study interval (days)	1,423.6 (229.45)	1,426.0 (229.65)	<0.001
Physical activity (min/week)	932 (837)	62.96 (828.6)	<0.001
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	27.96 (5.32)	27.5 (5.33)	<0.001
Married (%)	22	18	0.001

^aExcluded from analyses because they did not respond to baseline measures of depression. Differences in age, gender, ethnicity, education, and marital status were significant. The reason was not stated if they had missing variables or if the depression or BMI reported as "other" in their eligibility letter. They had missing data on the response to the survey or their socioeconomic status. These socioeconomic status differences in the number of participants who reported a low, somewhat, fairly, and very difficult meeting expenses for basic needs in the last year. They also were identified as depressed in the past 12 months in 2006–7. These 2 categories are referred to as depressed meeting expenses for basic needs in the last year. They also were identified as depressed in the past 12 months in 2006–7.

We conducted additional analyses to examine potential mediators using Hayes PROCESS macro [24]. We also controlled for age, gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic, and marital status as covariates in the PROCESS analysis. While there were no direct effects of depression on later DM2 (effect = 0.43; 95% CI [-0.03, 0.93]), there was an indirect effect of depression on later DM2 (2010–11) mediated by BMI (effect = 0.13; 95% CI [0.08, 0.20]). Depression was positively related to BMI and higher BMI increased the risk of DM2. Of note, length of clinic visit and physical activity were not significant mediators of depression and later DM2 (effect = 0.00; 95% CI [-0.03, 0.03], effect = -0.02; 95% CI [-0.08, 0.05], respectively).

Baseline DM2 and later depression

There were no significant differences at baseline (2006–7) between the groups by gender, socioeconomic status, or length of study interval. The rate of depression at baseline (2006–7) was higher for those with DM2 (28.9%) compared to those without DM2.

20) with $p < 0.05$ as statistical determinant significant

→ logistic regression to predict new disease incidence while controlling other demographic and health variables

① depression → diabetes
(independent variable) (dependent variable)

→ participants with diabetes in 2006-7 excluded

→ In 2006-7 determine whether depression predicted diabetes in (2010-11)

→ Variables included:

- age, gender, • education • length of study interval
- gender • BMI • socio-economic status
- ethnicity • marital status • physical activity

② diabetes → depression
(independent variable) (dependent variable)

→ In 2006-7 determine baseline diabetes in 2006-7 to develop later depression (2010-11)

→ Participants with depression in 2006-7 were excluded

→ Variables included:

- age • education • length of study interval
- gender • socio-economic status • physical activity
- ethnicity • marital status • BMI

→ Controlled for variables as covariates

- age • education
- gender • socio-economic status
- ethnicity • marital status

→ Mediators

- length of interval, physical activity and BMI

→ Mediation analysis done using Hayes PROCESS macro on SPSS

→ Main coefficient listed are unstandardized

Table 3 Hierarchical logistic regression predicting new incidents of type 2 diabetes

Demographic	95% Confidence interval			p-value
	OR	Lower	Upper	
Age (year)	1.04	1.01	1.07	<0.001
Gender	1.05	0.64	1.78	0.816
Ethnicity	1.00	0.22	2.29	0.982
Education level	1.00	0.91	1.09	0.878
Marital status	1.00	0.75	1.35	0.719
Length of study interval (year)	1.08	1.00	1.17	0.039
Physical activity (metabolic)	1.00	1.00	1.02	0.681
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	1.03	1.00	1.11	<0.001
Depression (2006-7)	1.07	0.10	1.12	0.711
Depression (2010-11)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000

(17.6%). There were 882 (18.58%) of participants who were excluded due to baseline depression status. Table 4 lists demographic and health measures by DM2 status for individuals without depression in 2006-7.

DM2 status at baseline (2006-7) was not statistically significant with new incidents of later depression (2010-11) after controlling for demographic information, OR = 1.31, 95% CI, [0.42–4.13], $p = 0.64$. The relationship between DM2 (2006-7) and later depression (2010-11) remained non-significant after adding the length of study interval, physical activity, and BMI to the model (see Table 5). The interaction between ethnicity and DM2 in 2006-7 was not a significant predictor of new incidence of later depression at follow up (2010-11).

Again, we examined the potential mediators using Hayes PROCESS macro while controlling for age, gender, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic, and marital status as covariates. There was no direct effect of DM2 on later depression (effect = 0.23; 95% CI, [-0.16, 0.62]). However, there was an indirect effect mediated by BMI (effect = 0.13; 95% CI, [0.05, 0.22]). DM2 was positively associated with BMI and higher BMI increased the risk for later DM2. Of note, length of study interval and physical activity were not significant mediators of the DM2 and depression relationship (effect = -0.002; 95% CI, [-0.02, 0.01], effect = 0.01, 95% CI, [-0.008, 0.08], respectively).

Discussion

This prospective study of community dwelling, Adventist adults investigated the bidirectional relationship between

Table 4 Baseline (2006-2007) characteristics of individuals with and without type 2 diabetes

	Not type 2 diabetes n = 3,864	Type 2 diabetes n = 288	p-value
Mean (SD)			
Age (year)	61.04 (12.28)	61.70 (11.6)	<0.001
Female (%)	66.0	62.8	0.308
Ethnicity (%)			<0.001
White	27.8	43.1	0.001
Black	72.2	56.9	0.001
Marital status (%)			0.277
Married	25	25	
Some other	75	75	
Education level (%)			<0.001
High school or less	47.1	42.3	
Some college	46.9	46.5	
Postgraduate	72.2	70.7	0.428
Marital status (%)			0.308
Married	61.1	61.7	
Some other	38.9	38.3	
Length of study interval (year)	12.00 (1.04)	12.00 (1.04)	0.999
Physical activity (metabolic)	1.00 (0.00)	1.00 (0.00)	0.999
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	28.55 (4.69)	28.19 (4.45)	<0.001
Depression (2006-7)	17.6	22.2	0.001

Note: For continuous variables, t-test was used to determine significant differences. For categorical variables, chi-square was used. All p-values are two-tailed. DM2 was defined as self-reported history of diabetes or use of diabetes medication. Type 2 diabetes was defined as self-reported history of diabetes or use of diabetes medication.

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Table 5 Hierarchical logistic regression predicting new incidents of depression

Demographic	95% Confidence interval			p-value
	OR	Lower	Upper	
Age (year)	1.08	0.99	1.17	0.001
Gender	1.00	0.54	1.84	0.981
Ethnicity	1.00	0.21	1.57	0.972
Education level	1.00	0.91	1.09	0.779
Marital status	1.00	0.70	1.42	0.981
Length of study interval (year)	1.00	1.00	1.02	0.574
Physical activity (metabolic)	1.00	1.00	1.02	0.710
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	1.00	1.00	1.02	0.000
Diabetes (2006-7)	1.00	0.26	2.57	0.982
Diabetes (2010-11)	1.00	0.16	2.57	0.982

the past year (38.5% versus 20.7%). A large population study found that chronic economic hardship have causal links with effects on health including higher levels of depressive symptoms, pessimism, and hostility [28]. They found that chronic economic hardship placed individuals at a higher risk for clinical depression compared to type 2 diabetes. Perhaps a similar dose-response association can explain the differences in our sample population.

Other studies have examined the depression and diabetes relationship. For example, Palumbo et al. [6] followed a cohort of 971 adults ages 50 and older for eight years as part of the Rancho Bernardo Heart and Chronic Disease Study. They found that Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) score > 11 doubled the risk for DM2 after controls. There was no significant evidence that showed DM2 was a predictor of a positive depression screen though new depression incidence was low in this study. However, since they only adjusted for BMI and it is unknown whether or not BMI was a mediator for this study. Finally, they have a longer study duration, which might explain the significant depression to new incident of DM2 relationship. We hypothesized that a significant depression to DM2 relationship might emerge later if differences in chronic economic hardship persist in the sample population with elevated depressive symptoms. However, since chronic economic hardship was not a study variable, caution should be exercised in interpreting the cause and possible outcome of baseline socioeconomic vulnerabilities in participants with elevated depressive symptoms.

Given the persistent effect of BMI on the depression and DM2 relationship, it should be extrapolated that reducing the indirect effect of BMI on depression and

DM2 is the main implication of our findings. Perhaps integrating treatments that focused on individuals with greater risk would help reduce this indirect effect. For example, depressed individuals who are experiencing weight gain might benefit from behavioral interventions focusing on weight loss or anti-inflammatory medications in order to reduce the risk for later DM2. The negative consequences of having higher BMI in conjunction at baseline with another disease can increase the risk for other chronic disease even in a span of 2.04–5.74 years.

Our results should be considered in light of the following strengths and weaknesses in the study design. The strength of the study lies in the prospective analysis of the relationship between depression and DM2 in a large population of older adults. There is also a large representative sample of Black participants. Future studies could also examine the differences in later DM2 for individuals whose depression persisted over time compared to those whose depression improved over time.

Limitations include the potential generalizability of the findings given the study population. Adventist adults might not accurately depict the general population experiencing depression and type 2 diabetes. In older age groups the BHS sample has been reported physical and mental health compared to the national norms for the same age groups [27]. Also, our population has been found to have better glycemic control [20] compared to the US population [26]. Perhaps this could be attributed to Adventist's religiously based health behavior recommendations such as regular exercise, healthy diet and abstaining from smoking or alcohol consumption [11]. However, enrolling this population helped reduced potential confounding factors such as smoking or history of regular drinking. Finally, since the study population was healthier with lower BMI compared to the excluded participants, it is possible that the true strength of findings might have been underestimated.

The results from this study have implications for the importance of additional support for depression screening and intervention for individuals with DM2. Given that depression could be risk factor for later DM2, healthcare practitioners should be increasingly aware of relationship. Patients might benefit from additional psychoeducation about said relationship and providers should also screen their diabetic clients for depression and, if appropriate, encourage them to seek additional care for psychological distress like depression. Addressing the depression and diabetes relationship more aggressively could have bigger implications in overall health policy and cost since there is a significantly higher cost for diabetes patients with depression versus those without depression [27]. It is especially important to provide treatment for those with higher BMI since it would appear that BMI is the link between these two chronic diseases.

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Abbreviations

AHS: Adventist health study; BRHS: Biopsychosocial religion and health study; CES-D: Center for epidemiologic studies depression scale; DM2: type 2 diabetes; NHAES: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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