

The Oral Microbiome and Internalizing Symptoms: A Stress Sentization Framework

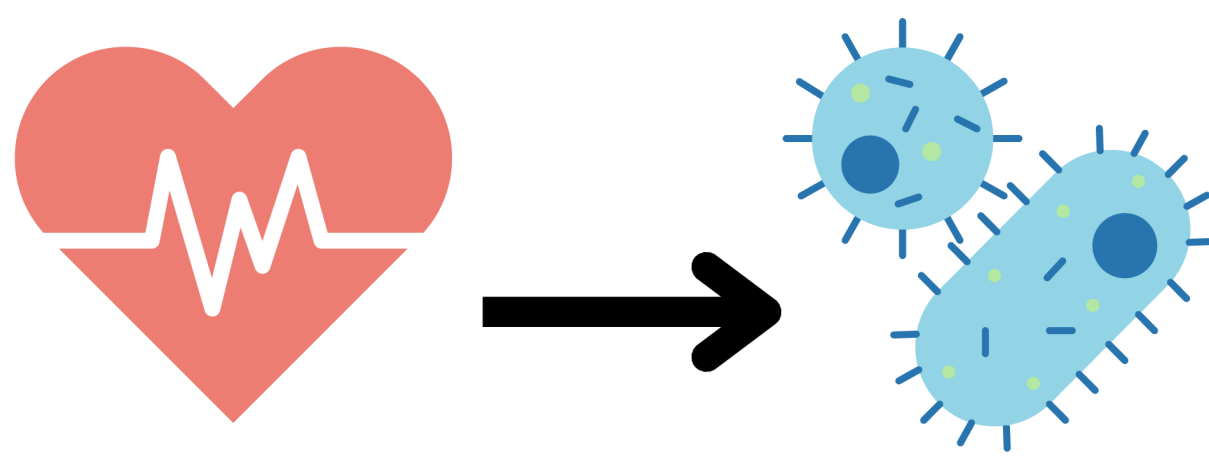
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Introduction

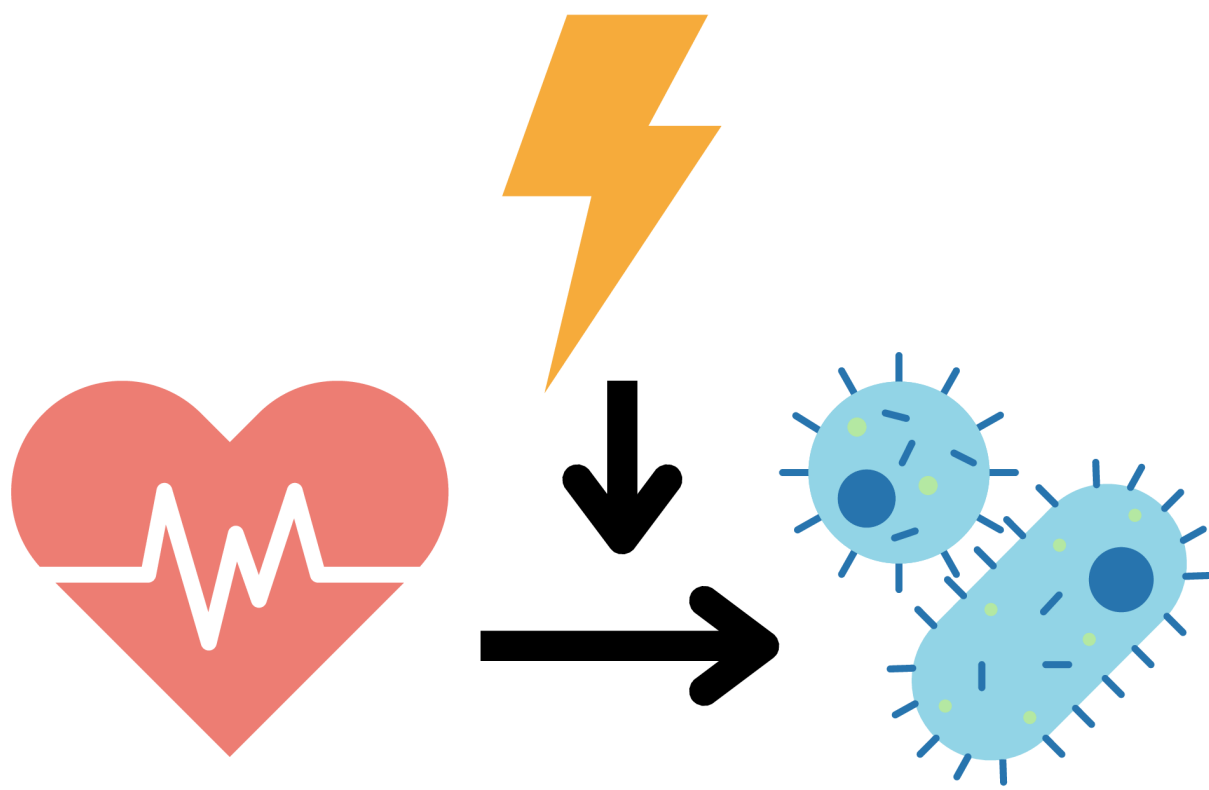
- The **oral microbiome** is linked to mental health¹⁻³
- Early adversity alters the link between the oral microbiome and **endocrine** stress markers (e.g. cortisol)^{3,4}
- However, links between **autonomic** stress outputs and the oral microbiome remain untested, as does their relationship to mental health

Aims

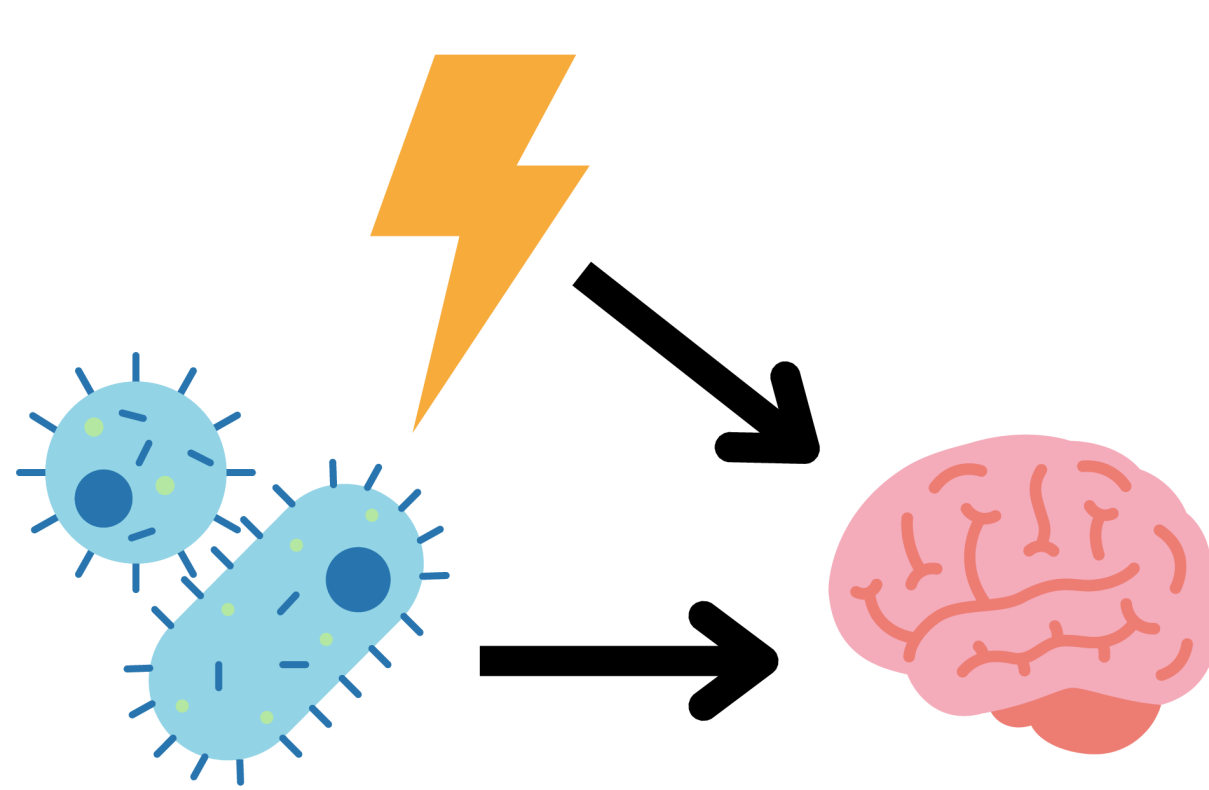
Autonomic stress reactivity --> oral microbiome composition



Main/moderating effect of early adversity

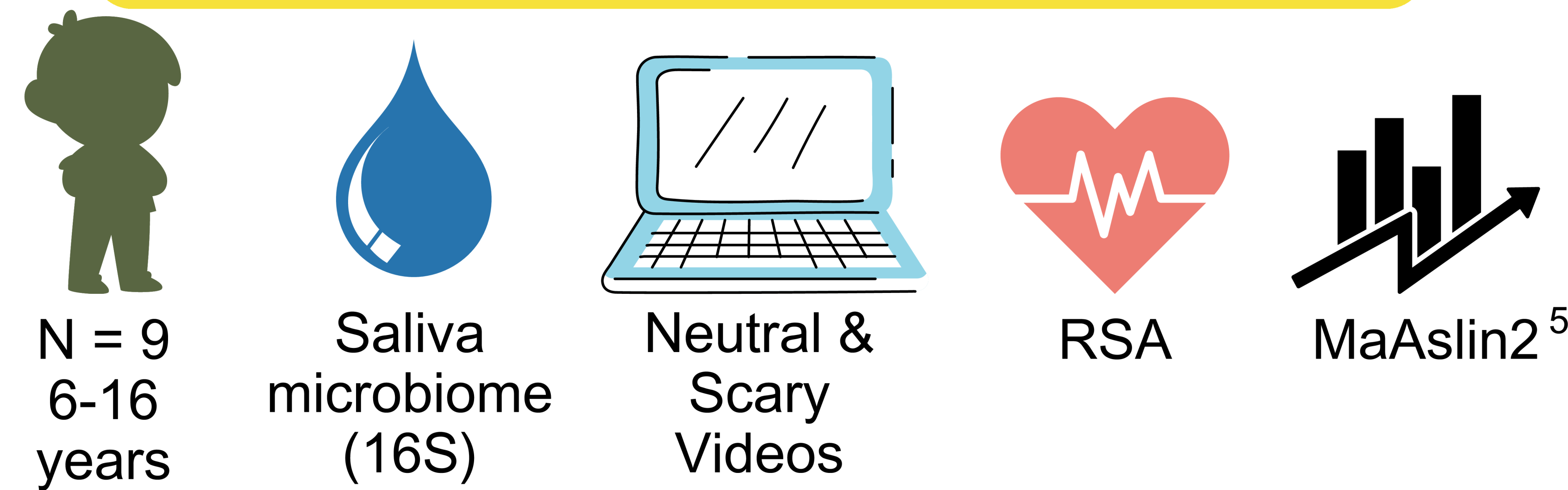


Implications for mental health

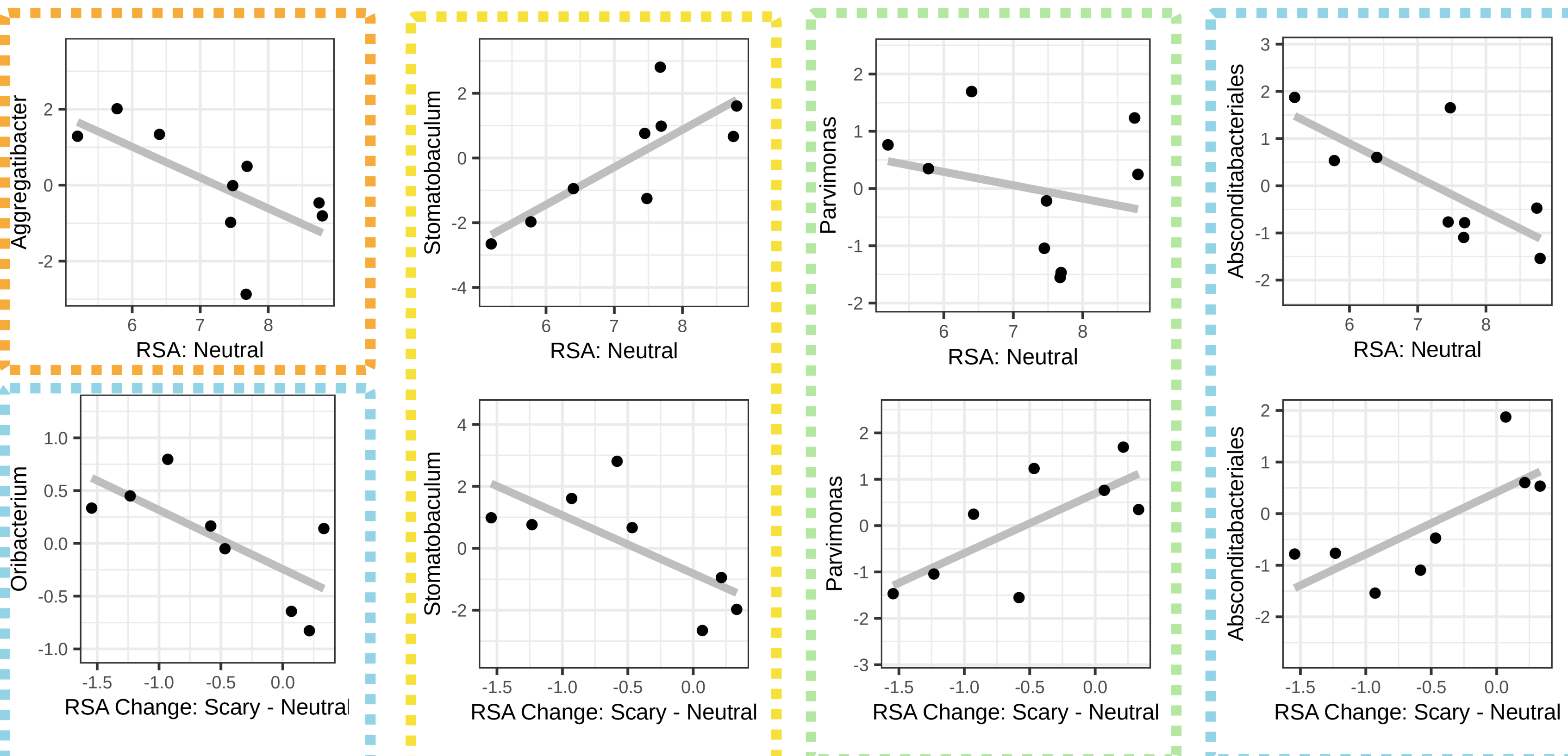


Study 1: Proof of Concept

Methods

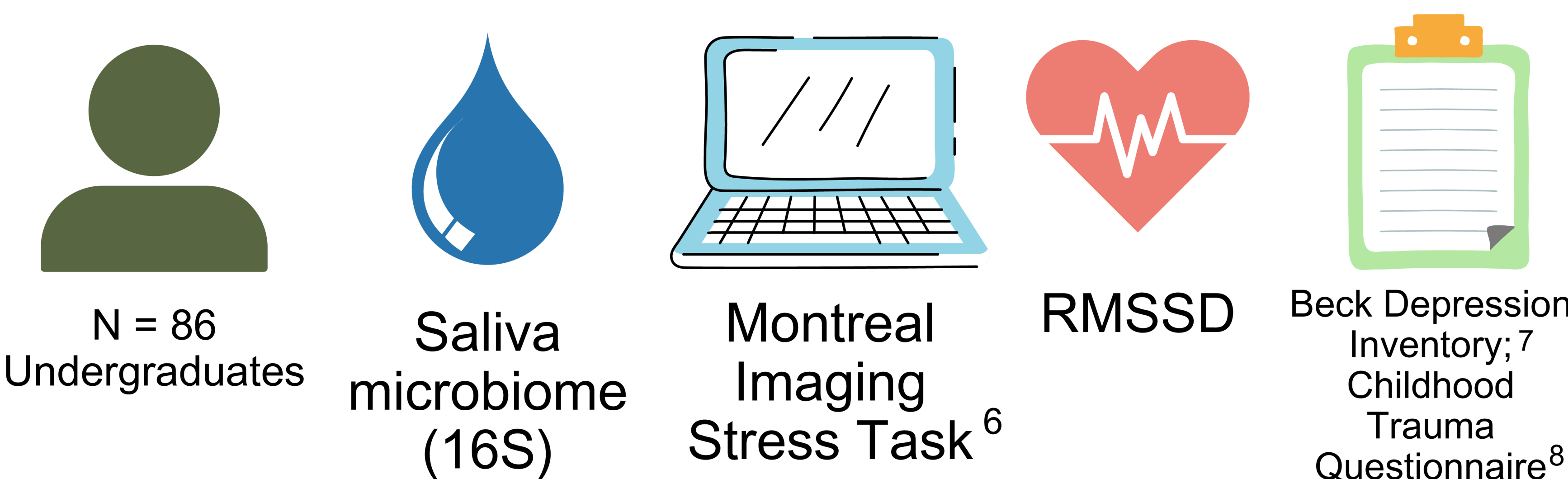


Results

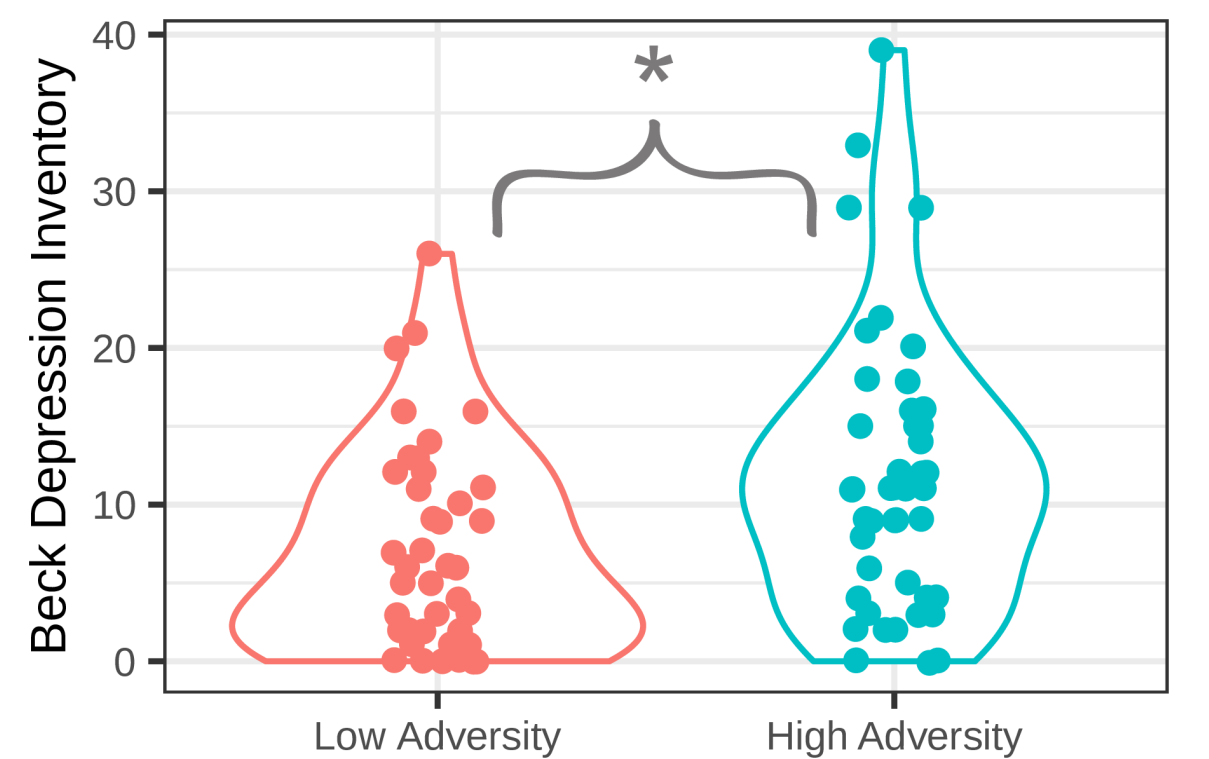
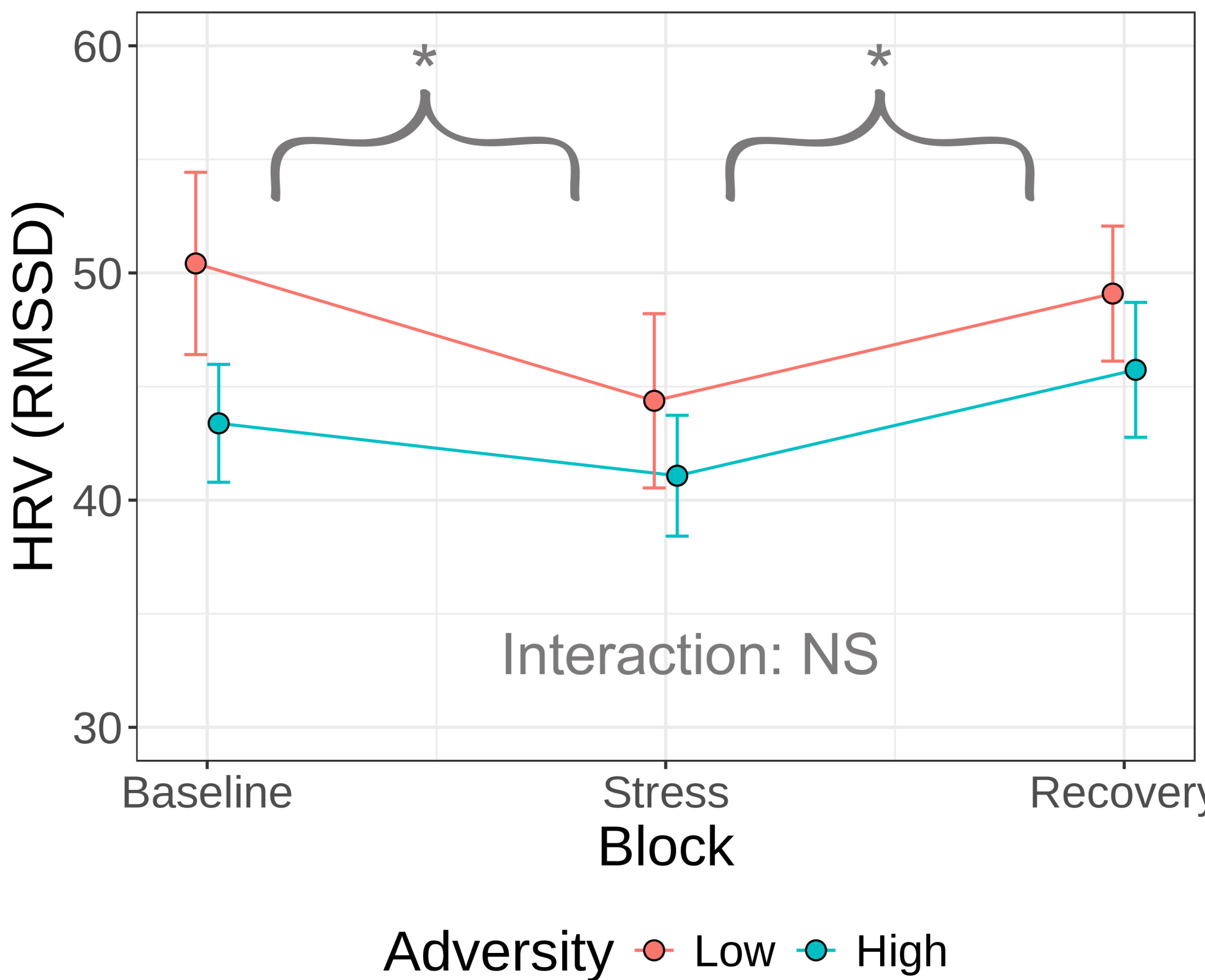


Study 2: In Progress

Methods



Preliminary Results



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