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Major depressive disorders increase the susceptibility to self-reported infections in two German cohort studies

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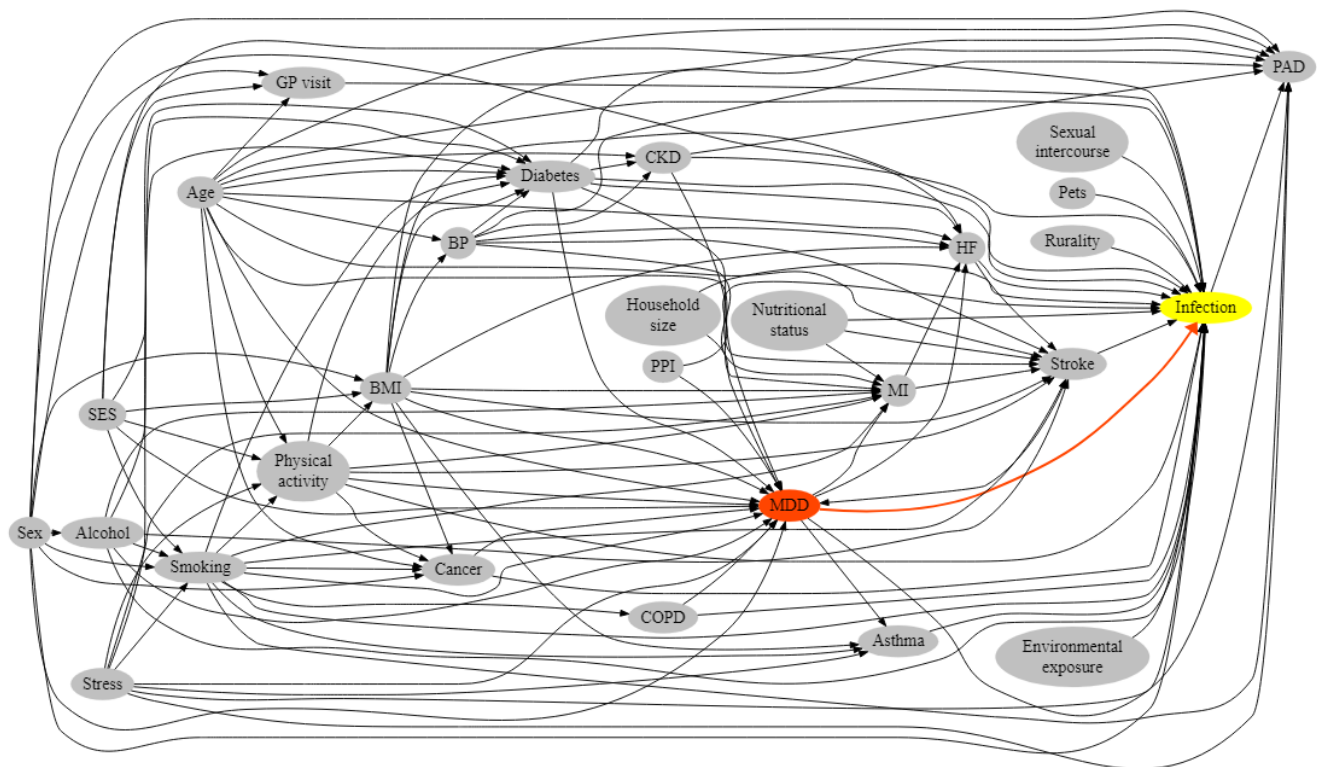
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Online Resource 1: Directed acyclic graph (DAG) representing assumed causal relationships between MDD diagnosis (exposure), self-reported infections (outcome), and other variables (possible confounders)



We aim to estimate the direct effect (red arrow) of MDD (exposure, red) on infections (outcome, yellow). Justifications for the arrows defined the DAG are given in Online Resource 2.