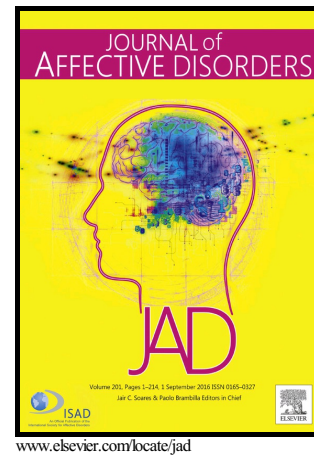


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Abstract**Background:**

Late-life depression is associated with premature mortality, however, little is known whether excess mortality rates of depression have changed over time. This study aims to identify and explain secular trends in excess mortality of major depressive disorder (MDD) and subthreshold depression (SUBD).

Methods:

Cohort-sequential-longitudinal study of 4,084 community-dwelling older adults in the Netherlands based on data from the Longitudinal Aging Study Amsterdam (LASA). Six measurement cycles were included from 1992/93 until 2008/09, each linked to the overall 5-

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