

Primary Health Care Needs of Uninsured Chinese Migrants in Vienna, Austria: A Descriptive Study of 74 Outpatient Data from 2015

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Background

Chinese – minority but a growing population group in Austria

- 17,000 officially registered in 2018
- The largest Asian population group
- Rapidly growing (doubled since 2002)
 - » 58% female
 - » More than 60% lives in Vienna
 - » 88% in the working age (18-64 yrs)
- Additional 13,000 irregular Chinese migrants (est.)



Study Overview

Aim: To gain insights into the health problems and primary healthcare needs of uninsured Chinese migrants in Vienna

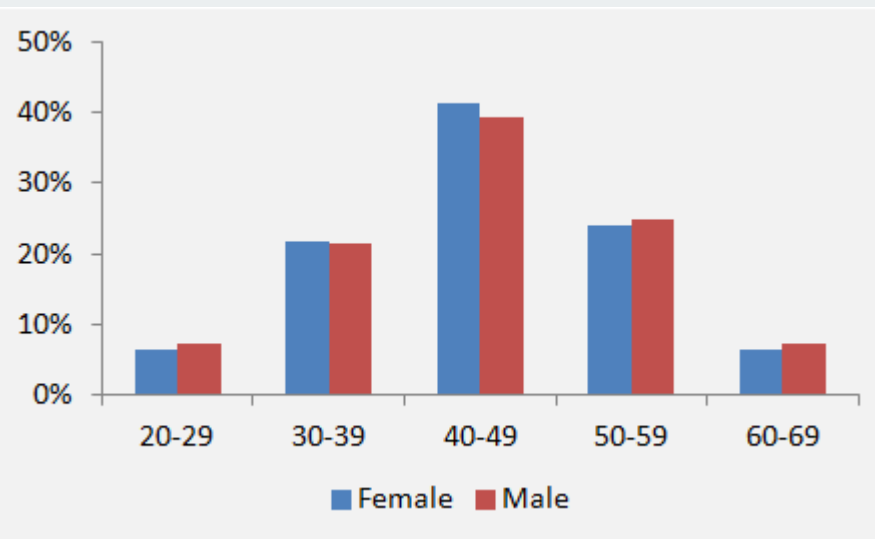
- Data: complete patients' records of uninsured Chinese
 - » Provided by a Vienna-based NGO
 - » Verbal consent
 - » Data collection period: 1. May - 31. July 2015
 - » Survey period: 2008 to 2015 (for each patient starting from the first visit)



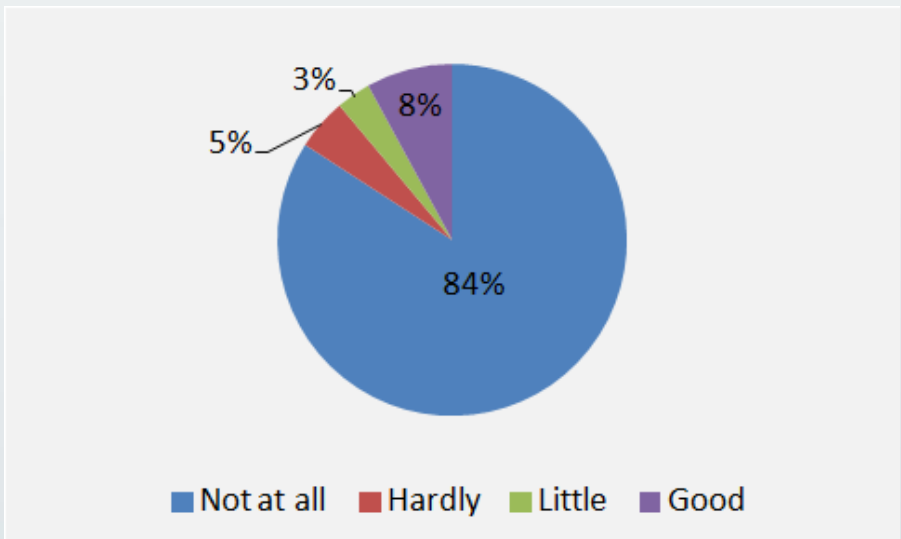
Sample population: N=74

➤ Female: 62% (n=46); Male 38 % (n=28)

Age structure by sex (%)



Language skills (%; N=63)





Service utilisation

Year of first visit

Year	Patient	%
2008	1	1%
2010	3	4%
2011	7	9%
2012	5	7%
2013	11	15%
2014	12	16%
2015	35	47%
Total	74	100%

Number of visits per patients per year

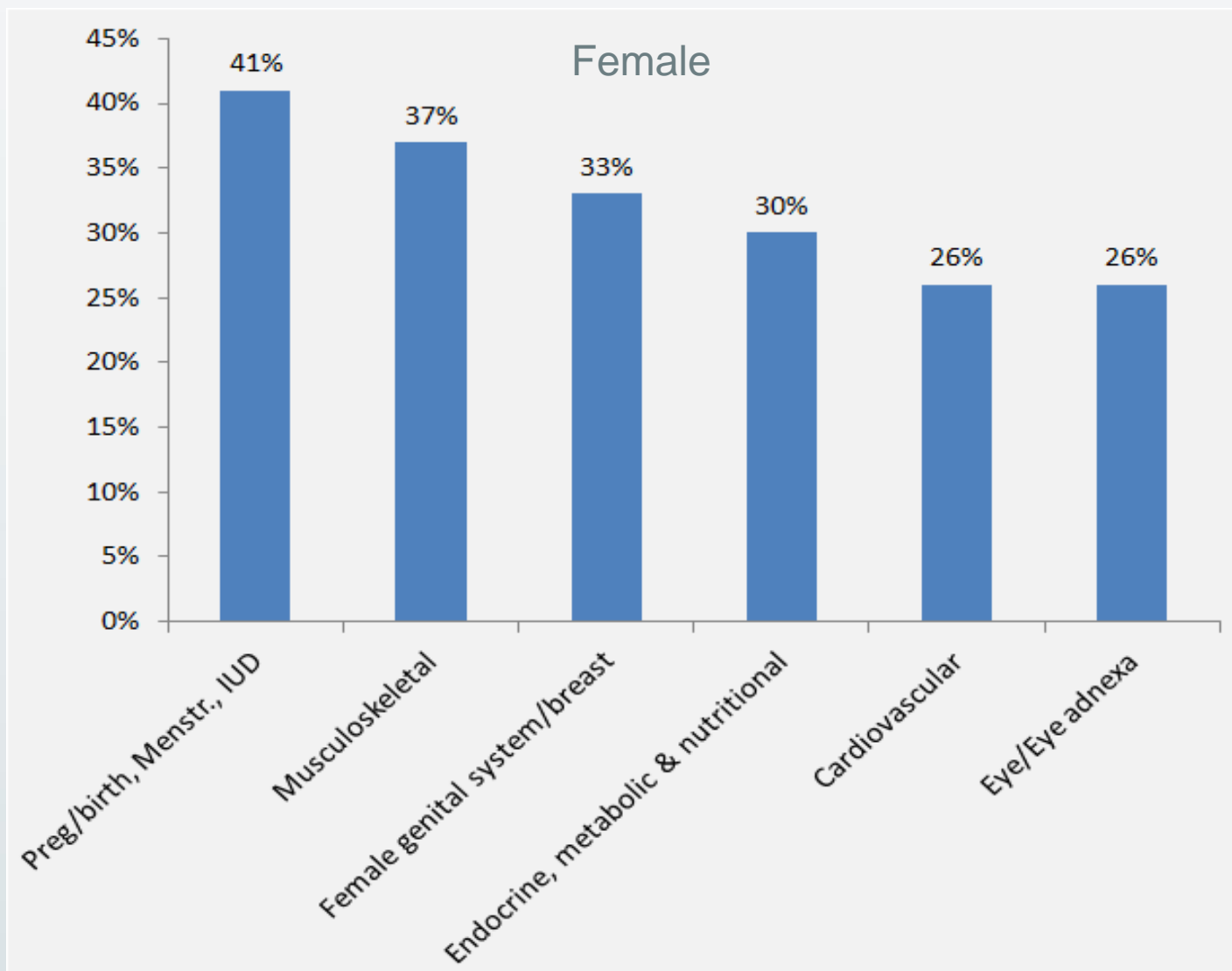
» Average 3.7 times (Min.1; Max. 21)

Number of identified health problems

» Average 5.7 per patient (Min. 1; Max. 21)



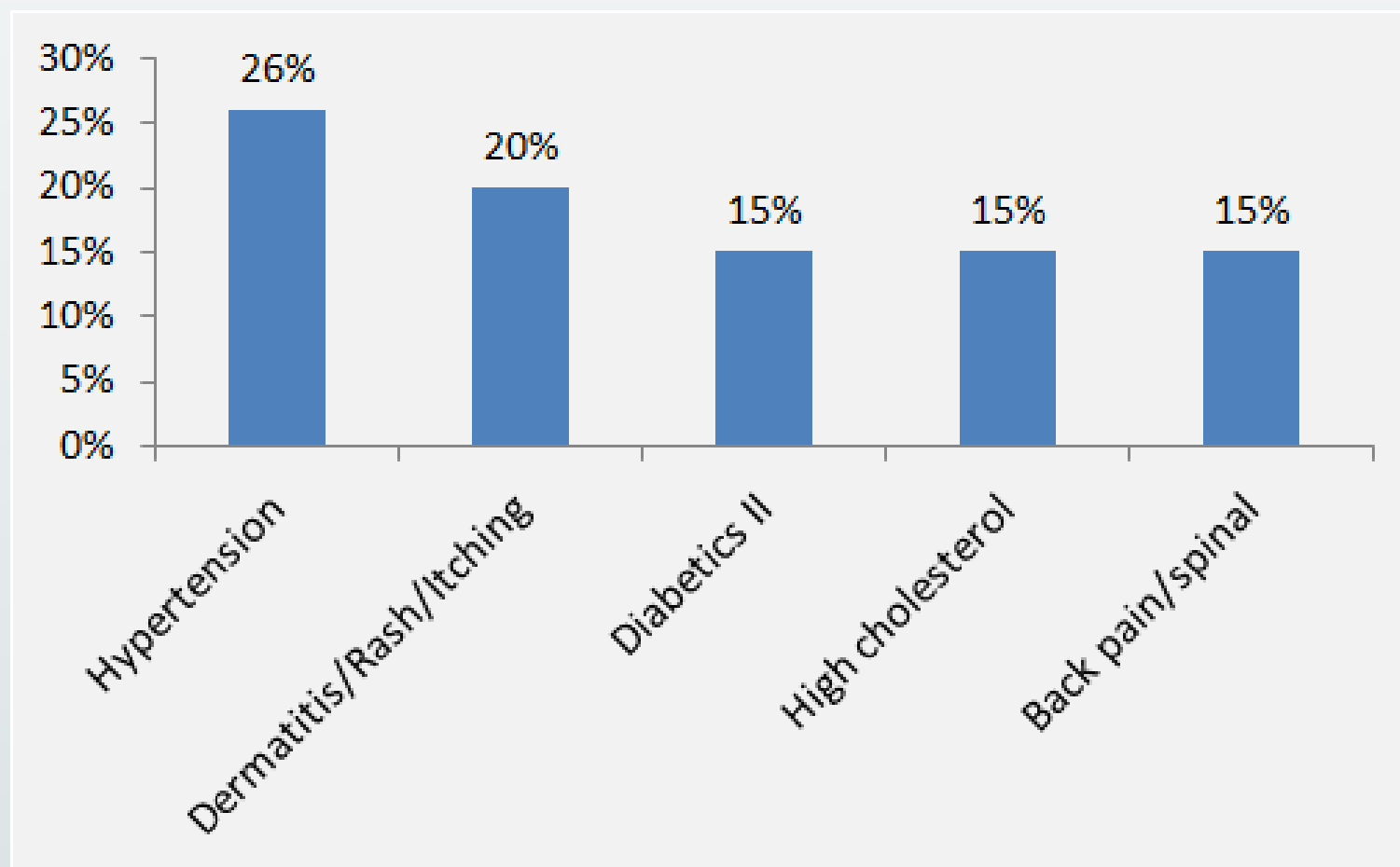
Top health problems ♀ : disease category





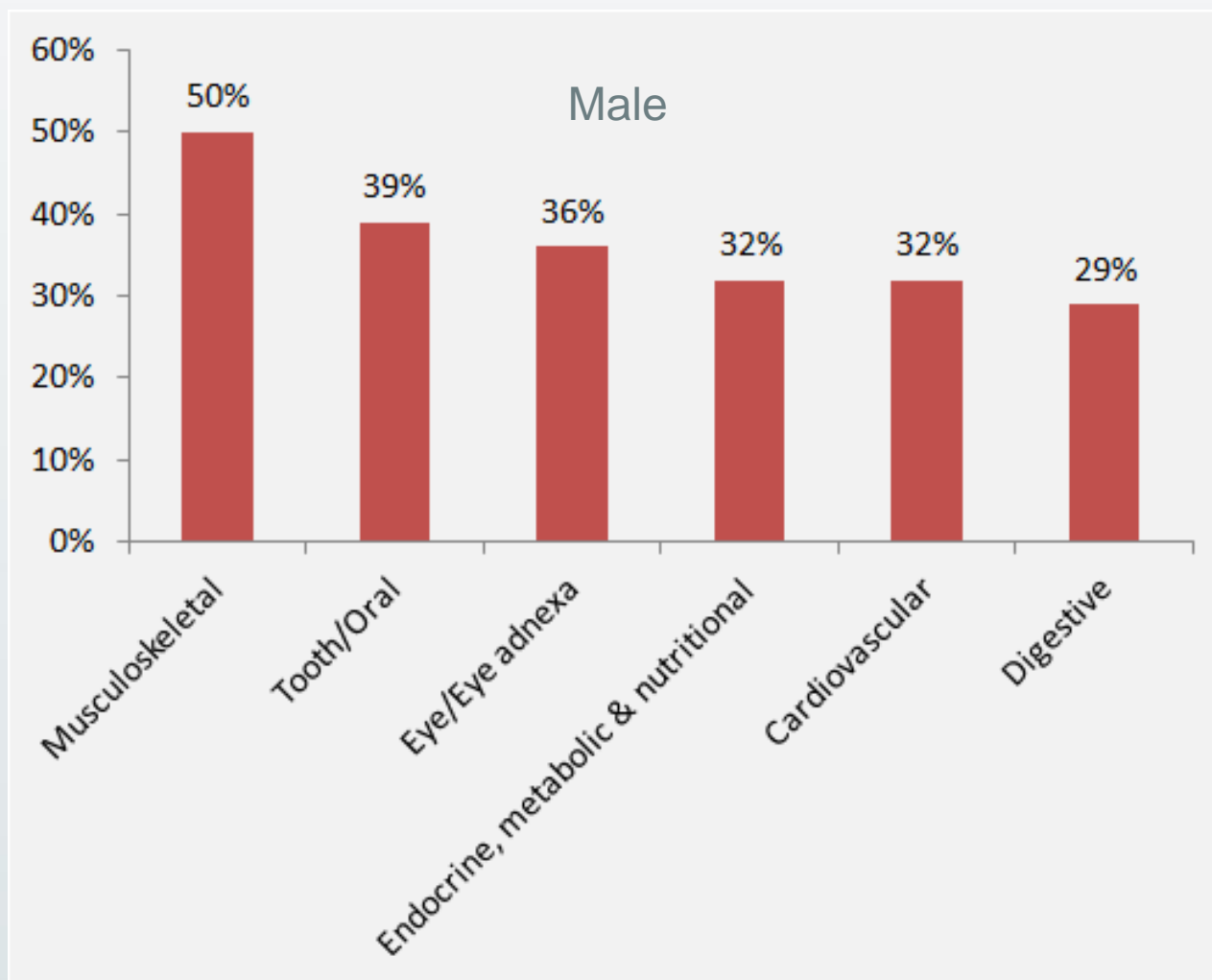
♀ : by diagnoses

Female





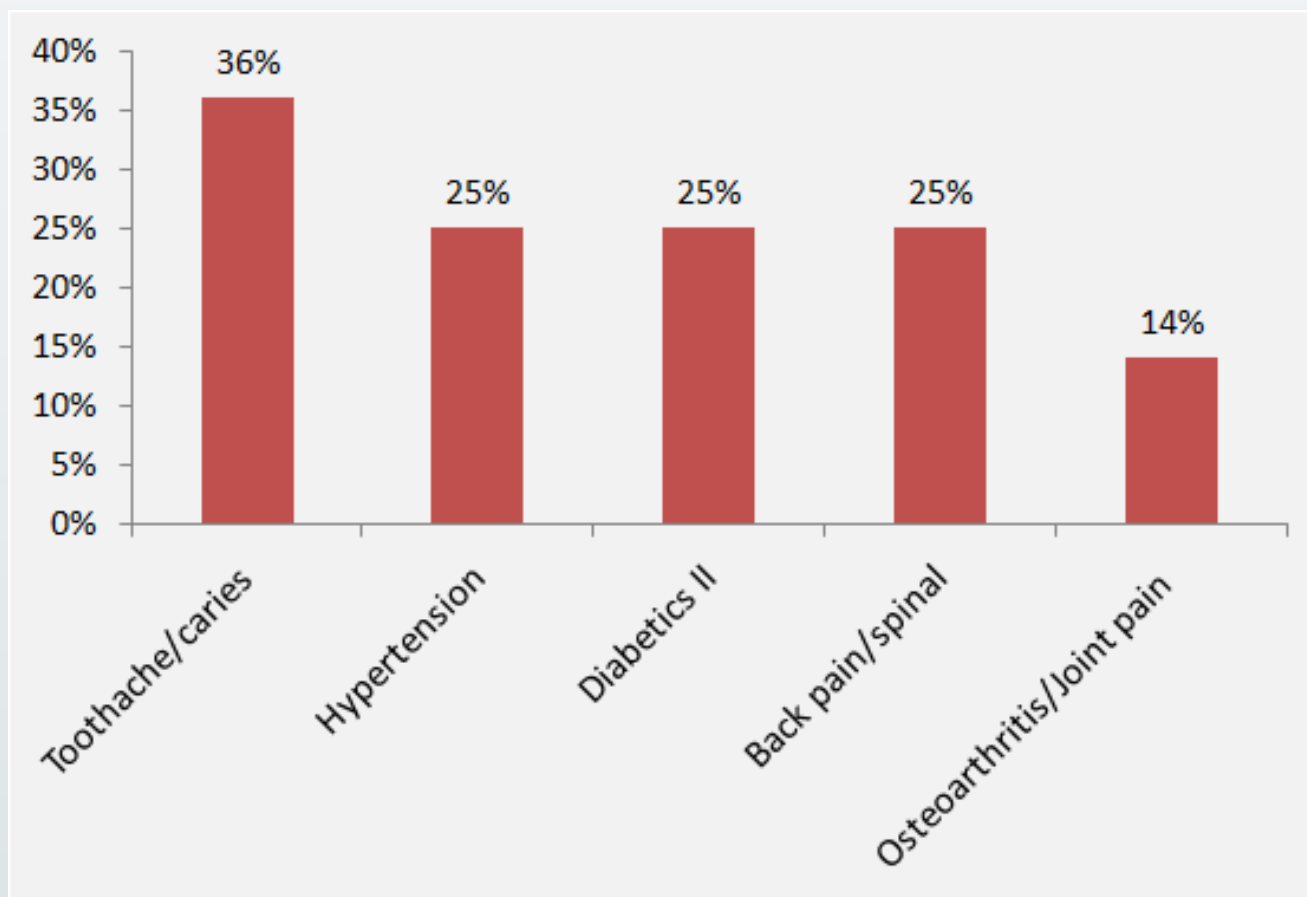
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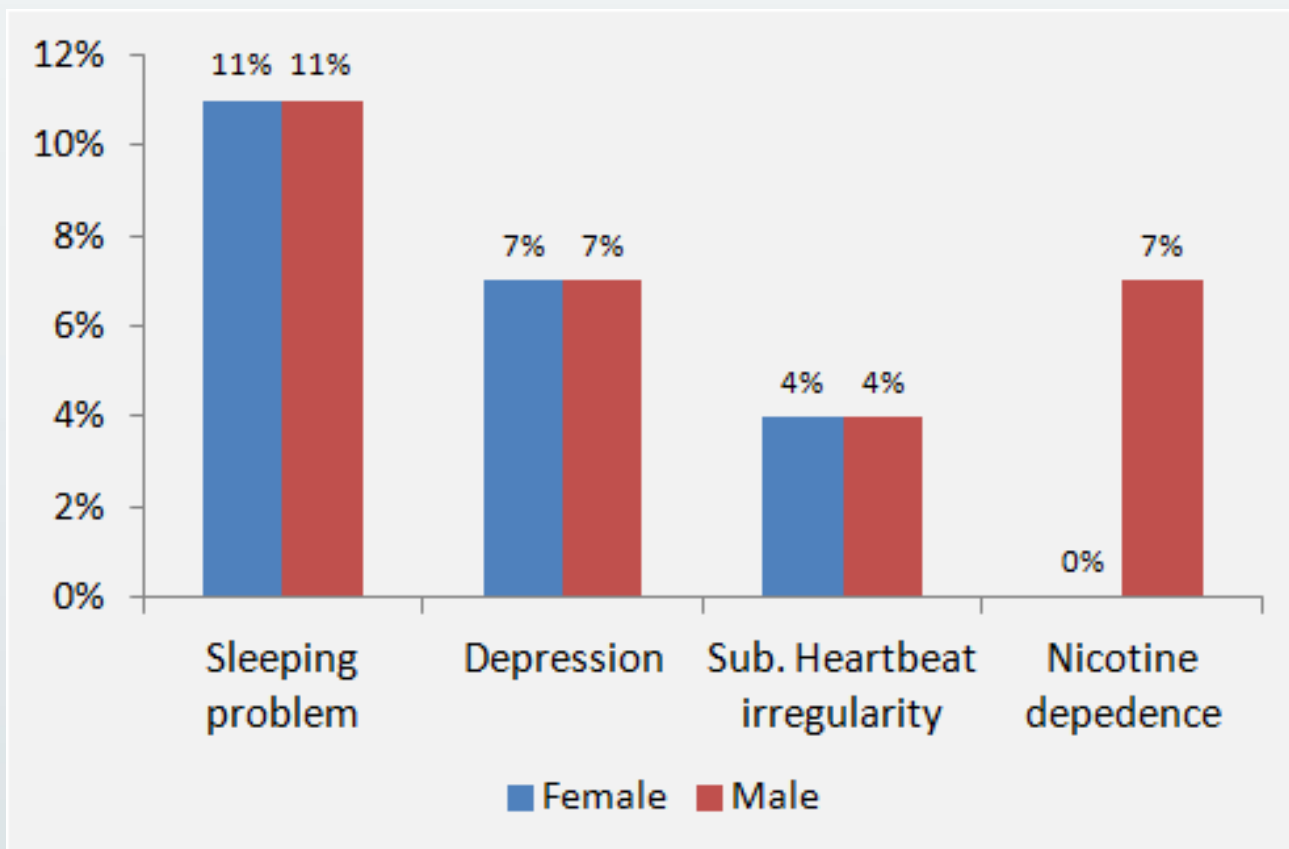
Male





Mental health problems

15% ♀ & 21% ♂ in overall disease category





Conclusion/Discussion

- Undocumented Chinese community in Vienna; evidence about this community is scarce
- Data indicate: working age, more than 50% longer than one year; low language skills,
- Priority healthcare needs differ between female and male but prevention/treatment needs for hypertension and diabetics II high in both sex



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