

Appendix 2

During the conduct of this systematic review we were alerted to considerable confusion in the literature between the Whooley questions and the PHQ-2. A number of studies labelled them as one type of screen but actually used and referenced the other one. The table below lists the questions for both 2-item screens. It demonstrates similarities and differences between the two regarding language, time frame and scoring.

Similarities/differences between the 2 two-question screeners				
2 question screen	Questions	Time frame	Scoring	Positive screen
Whooley Questions	1) "During the past month, have you often been bothered by feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?" 2) "During the past month, have you often been bothered by little interest or pleasure in doing things?"	Past month	Dichotomous: 'yes'/'no'	'yes' to either one or both questions
PHQ-2	"Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?" 1) "little interest or pleasure in doing things?" 2) "feeling down, depressed or hopeless?"	Last 2 weeks	By frequency: (0) "not at all" (1) "several days" (2) "more than half the days" (3) nearly every day"	Score can range from 0 to 6: 0 = lowest 6 = highest