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IMPACT OF SLEEP, NUTRITION, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ON DEPRESSION AND MOOD REGULATION USING AI-BASED PREDICTIVE MODELING: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

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Figure 1. PRISMA screening and selection flow

Records identified (n=1420)

Screened (n=1220)

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Figure 2. SHAP feature importance ranking for depression prediction

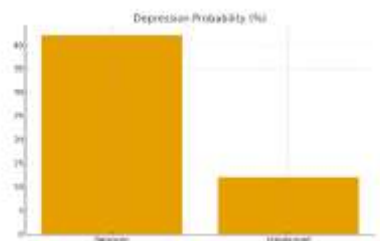


Figure 3. Depression risk probability across lifestyle clusters

Key Analytical Outcomes

Variable	Weight/ β	Effect Direction	Significance
Sleep Quality	0.34	Inverse risk	$p < 0.001$
Physical Activity	0.27	Inverse risk	$p < 0.001$
Nutrition	0.23	Inverse risk	$p < 0.001$
Stress Exposure	0.10	Elevated risk	$p = 0.002$

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