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Health 2: Socioeconomic influences on health

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- Changes over time in the associations between early-onset myopia and key early life factors
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- Social influences on health-related behaviour clustering during mid-adulthood in two British birth cohort studies.
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Is there evidence for changes over time in the associations between early-onset myopia and key early life factors?

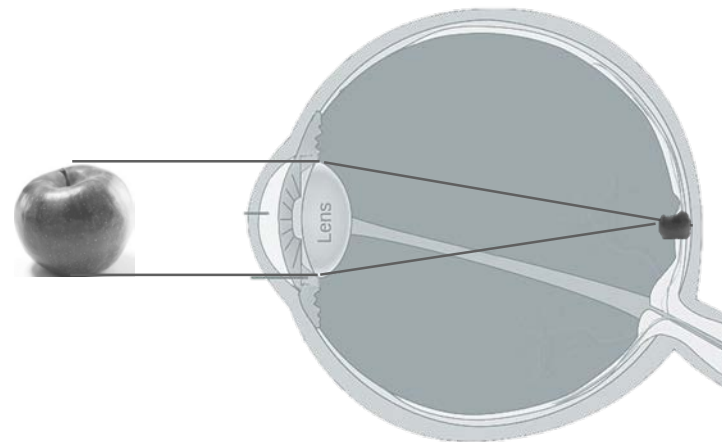
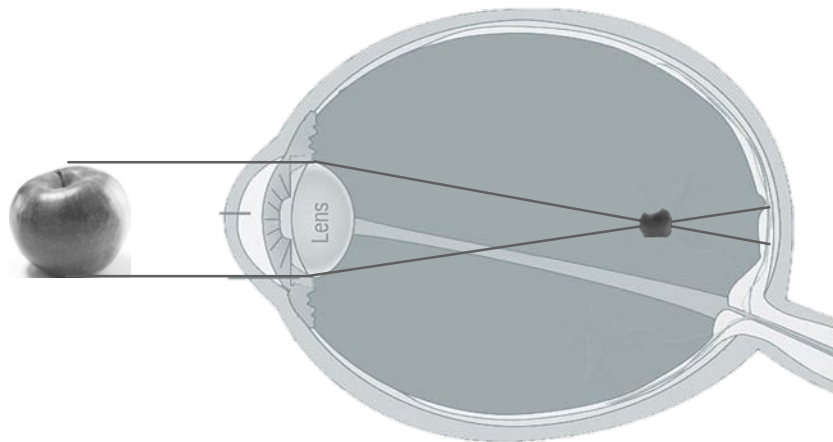
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Definitions

Myopic eye

Normal
(emmetropic)
eye



-10D

-5D

-1D

0D

+1D

+5D

Spherical Equivalent, Dioptres (D)

Measurements

- Refractive error (RE) was measured using non-cycloplegic autorefraction
- The average of the SE of the two eyes (i.e. Mean spherical equivalent, MSE), in dioptres (D) was used to classify participants in one of the categories of RE (i.e. myopia, emmetropia, hypermetropia)
- Early onset (childhood) myopia is defined as the onset of myopia by the age of 15/16yrs

Background

- As ~1/6 of the world's population is myopic a substantial **burden** occur from the *high financial costs* of the treatment and the *complications* of the disorder
- Recent findings from studies in Asian populations suggest rapid increases in the prevalence of childhood (*early-onset*) myopia
 - affecting >80% of school-leavers in East Asia
- Myopia risk, severity, and timing of onset are associated with key *environmental influences* on prenatal growth and health

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Research questions

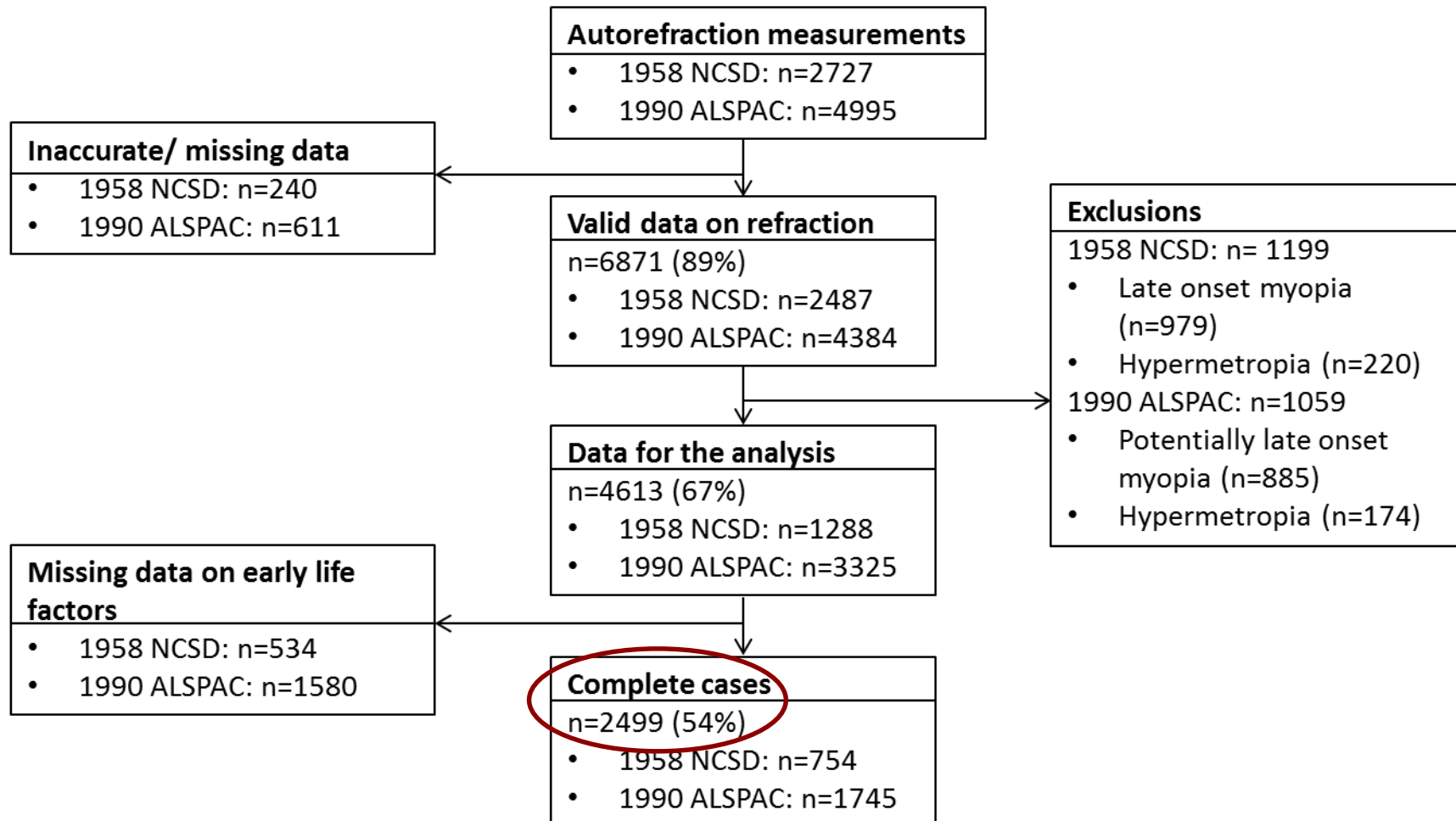
- Is there an increasing temporal trend in early-onset myopia in the UK?
- Has the pattern of association between early life factors and early-onset myopia changed over time?

Data used

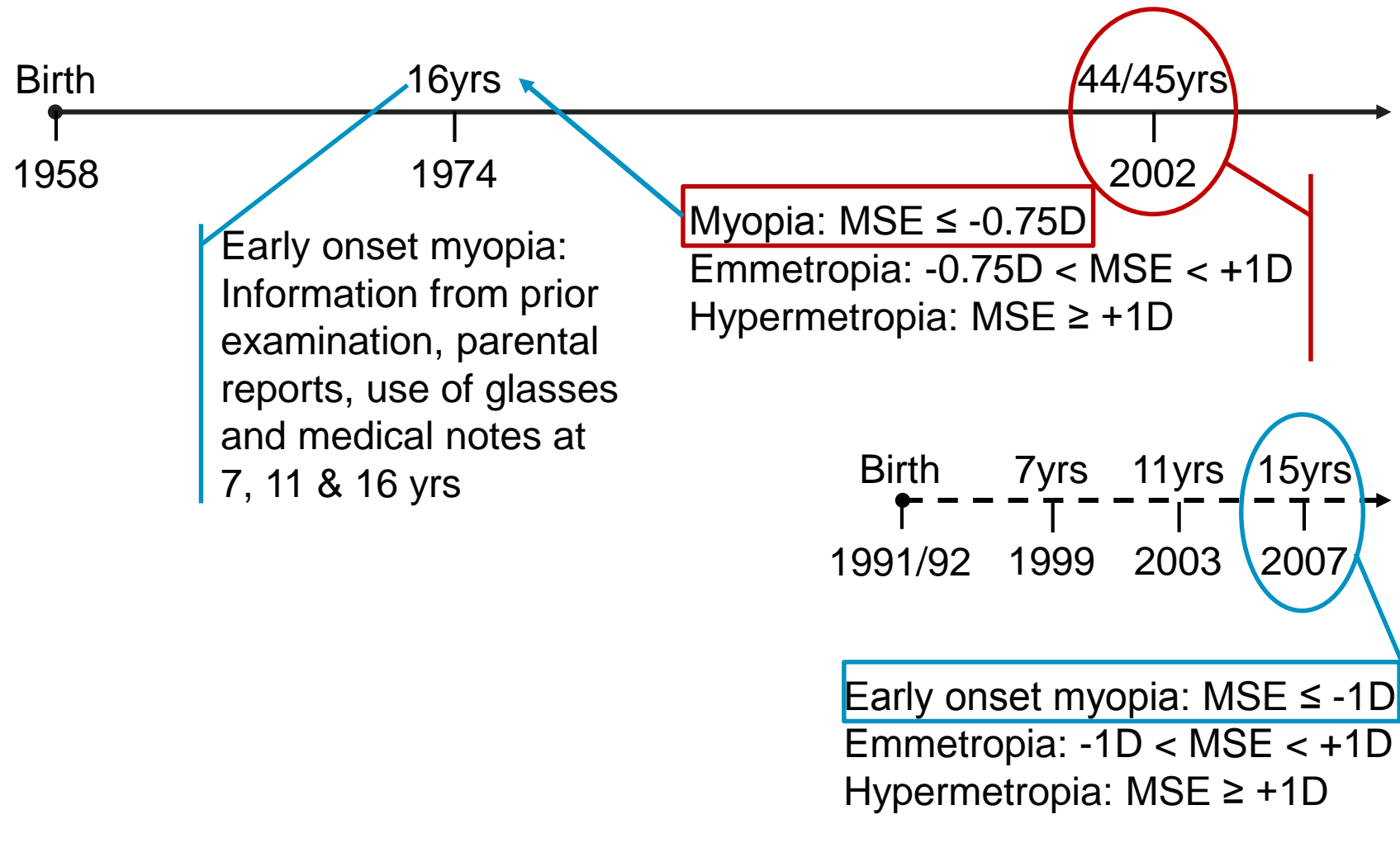
Two cohort studies:

- the 1958 British birth cohort (1958BC) study
 - which recruited all those born in Britain during one week in **March 1958**, and
- the Avon Longitudinal study of Pregnancy and Childhood (ALPSAC or “Children of the 90’s” study)
 - which recruited all pregnant women residing in a geographically defined area of England with estimated delivery date between **April 1991 and December 1992** inclusive

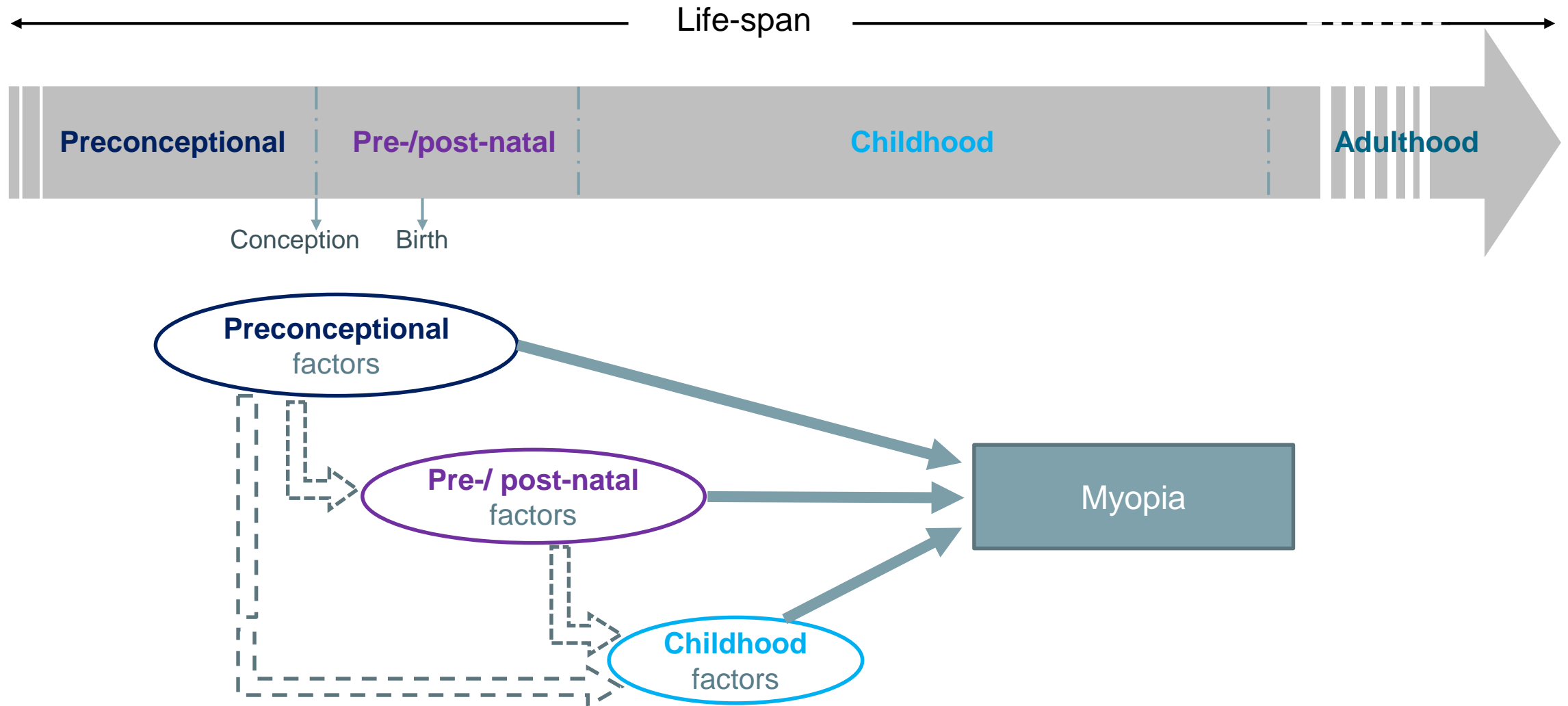
Sample size



Measurements



Methodology



Methodology

Life-stage	Models		
	M1	M2	M3
Preconceptional	Preconceptional only	Pre-/post-natal adj. for preconceptional factors	Childhood adj. for preconceptional & pre-/post-natal factors
Pre-/post-natal		Pre-/post-natal adj. for preconceptional factors	Childhood adj. for preconceptional & pre-/post-natal factors
Childhood			Childhood adj. for preconceptional & pre-/post-natal factors

Methodology

Life-stage	Models		
	M1	M2	M3
Preconceptional	Preconceptional factors Maternal age at birth Social class at birth Occupational Educational	Pre-/post-natal adj. for preconceptional factors	Childhood adj. for preconceptional & pre-/post-natal factors
Pre-/post-natal	Maternal smoking	Sex Birth weight Gestational age Breast feeding	Childhood adj. for preconceptional & pre-/post-natal factors Social class Crowding index
Childhood			Height/ Height change Reading score General ability Near work & Outdoor activities

Distribution of refractive errors

	1958 BC n=2487 n [% (95% CI)]	ALSPAC n=4384 n [% (95% CI)]
Refractive error category:		
Late/ potentially late onset myopia	979 [39 (37; 41)]	885 [20 (19; 21)]
Early onset myopia (by 16yrs)	235 [9 (8; 11)]	829 [19 (18; 20)]
Emmetropia	1053 [42 (40; 44)]	2496 [57 (56; 58)]
Hypermetropia	220 [9 (8; 10)]	174 [4 (3; 5)]

Results summary

- The **size** (& the direction in some cases) of the association between early life influences & early onset of myopia **changed over time**
- Adjustment for factors from **subsequent life stages** had a **different effect** in the two cohorts, which resulted in
 - **changes** of the **size of the difference** between the two cohorts over the life-course

Preconceptional life factors

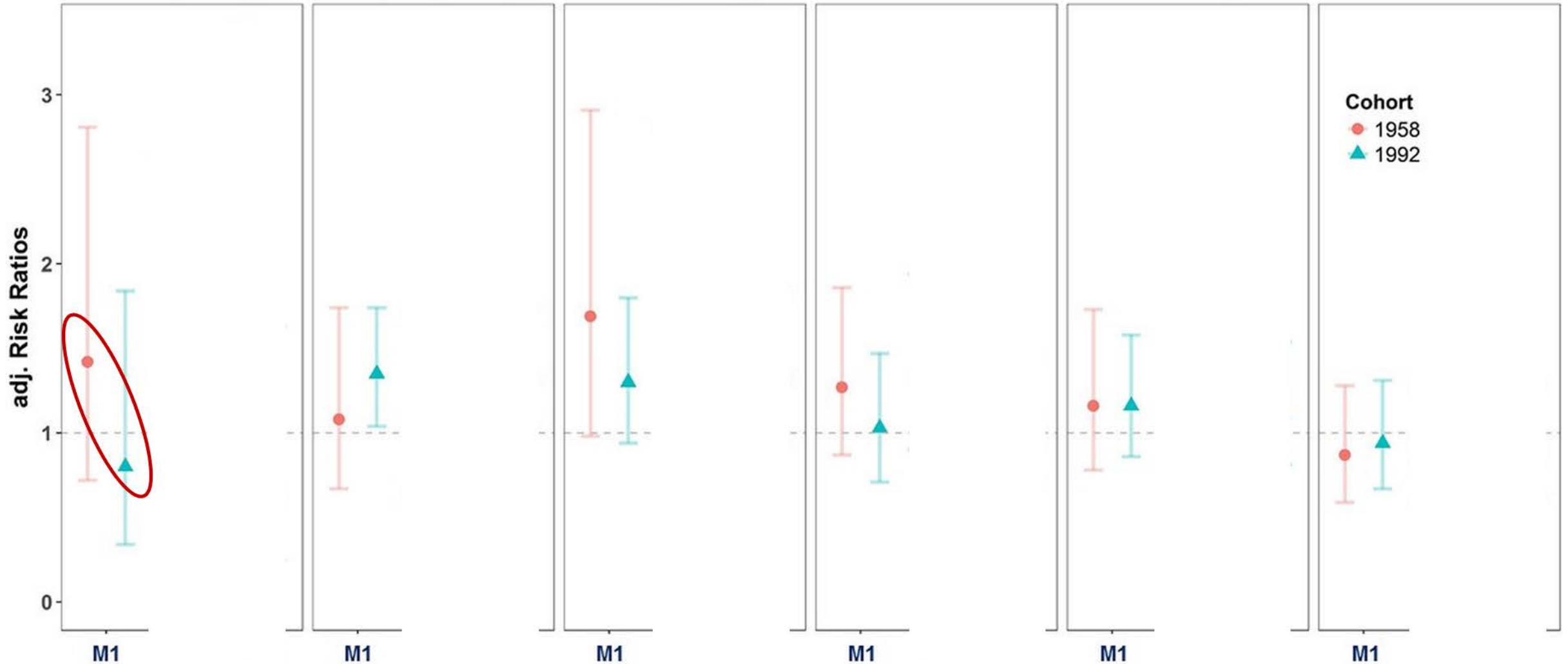
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HHD's social class at birth
Non-manual vs. Manual

Maternal education at birth
Higher vs. statutory

Maternal smoking
During pregnancy vs. never



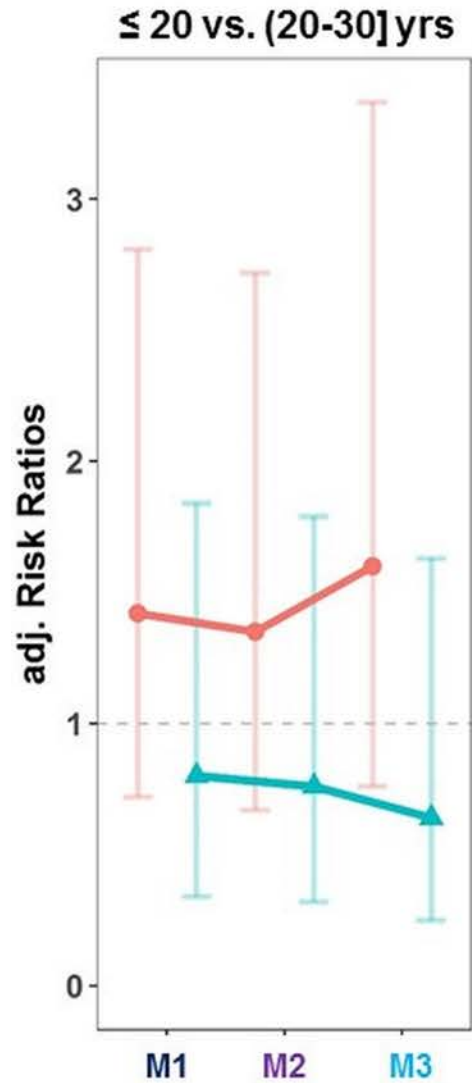
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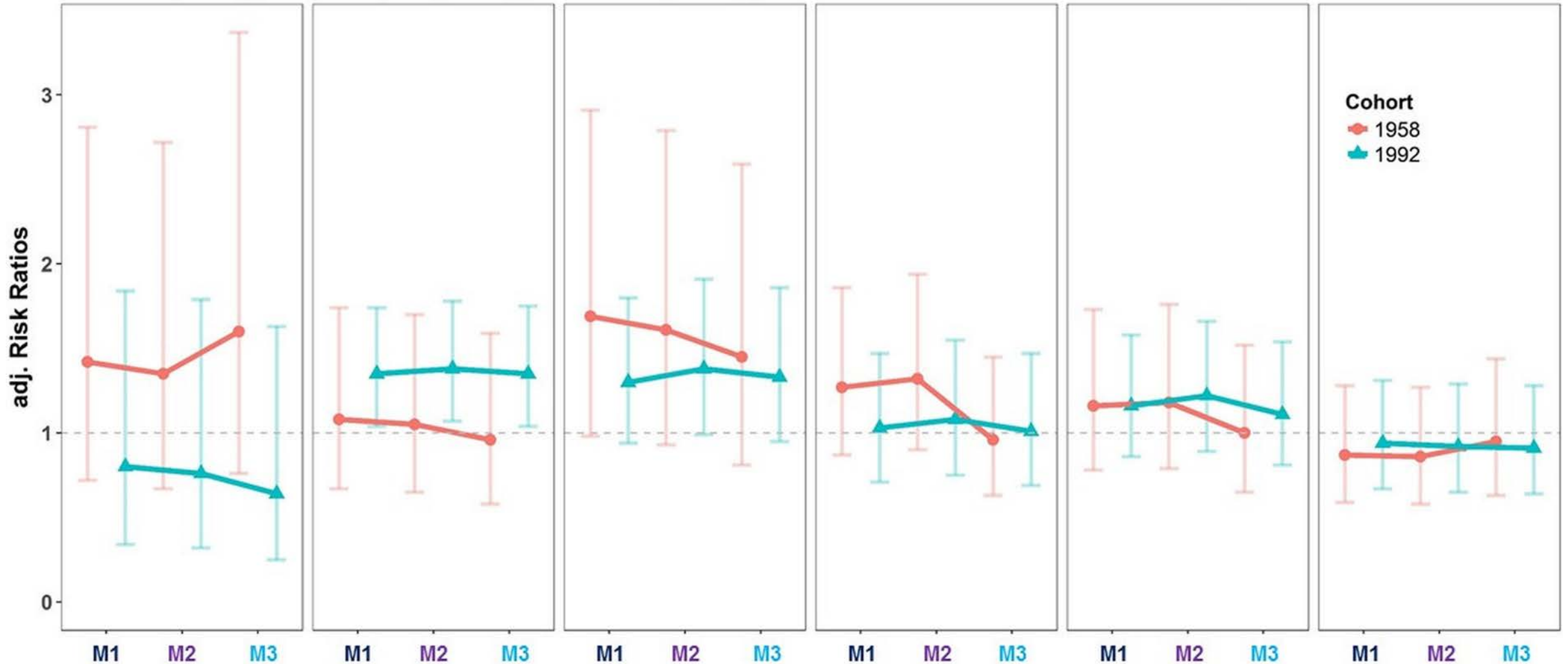
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Pre-/post-natal life factors

Sex

Born preterm and/or low birth weight

Breastfeeding

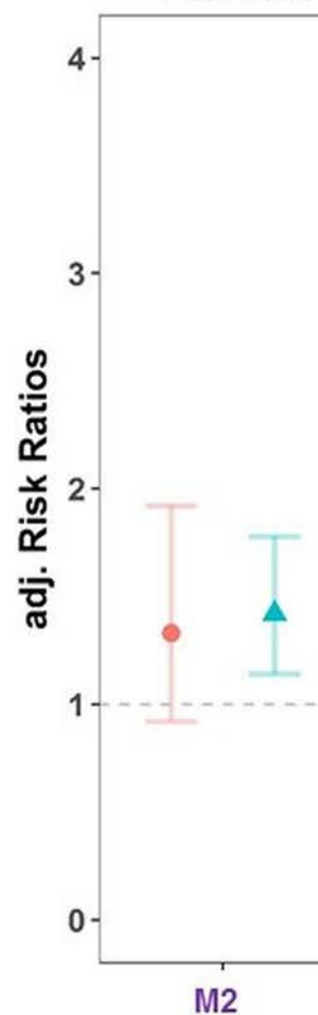
Females vs. Males

Born \leq 37wks vs. Normal

Born \leq 2.5kg vs. Normal

Born \leq 37wks & 2.5kg vs. Normal

Yes vs. Never



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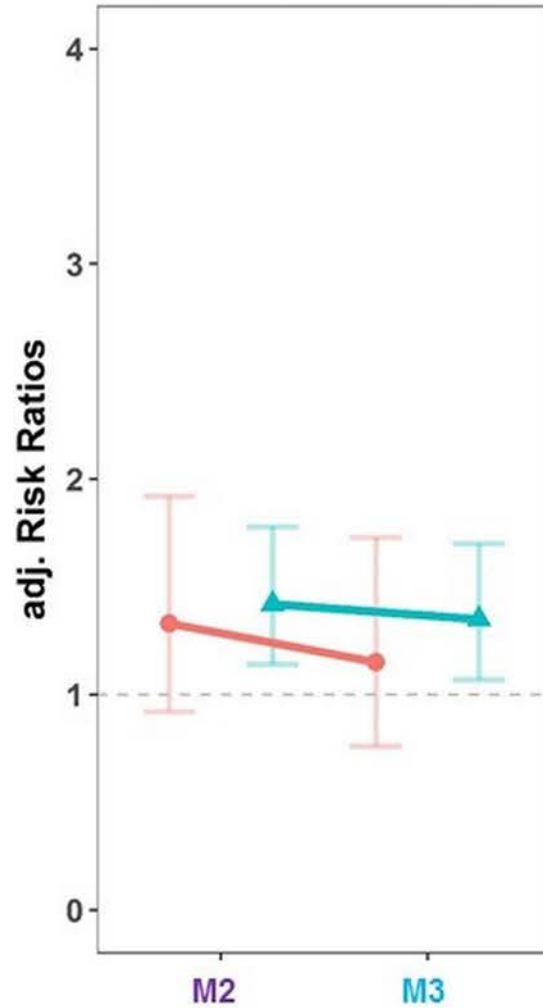
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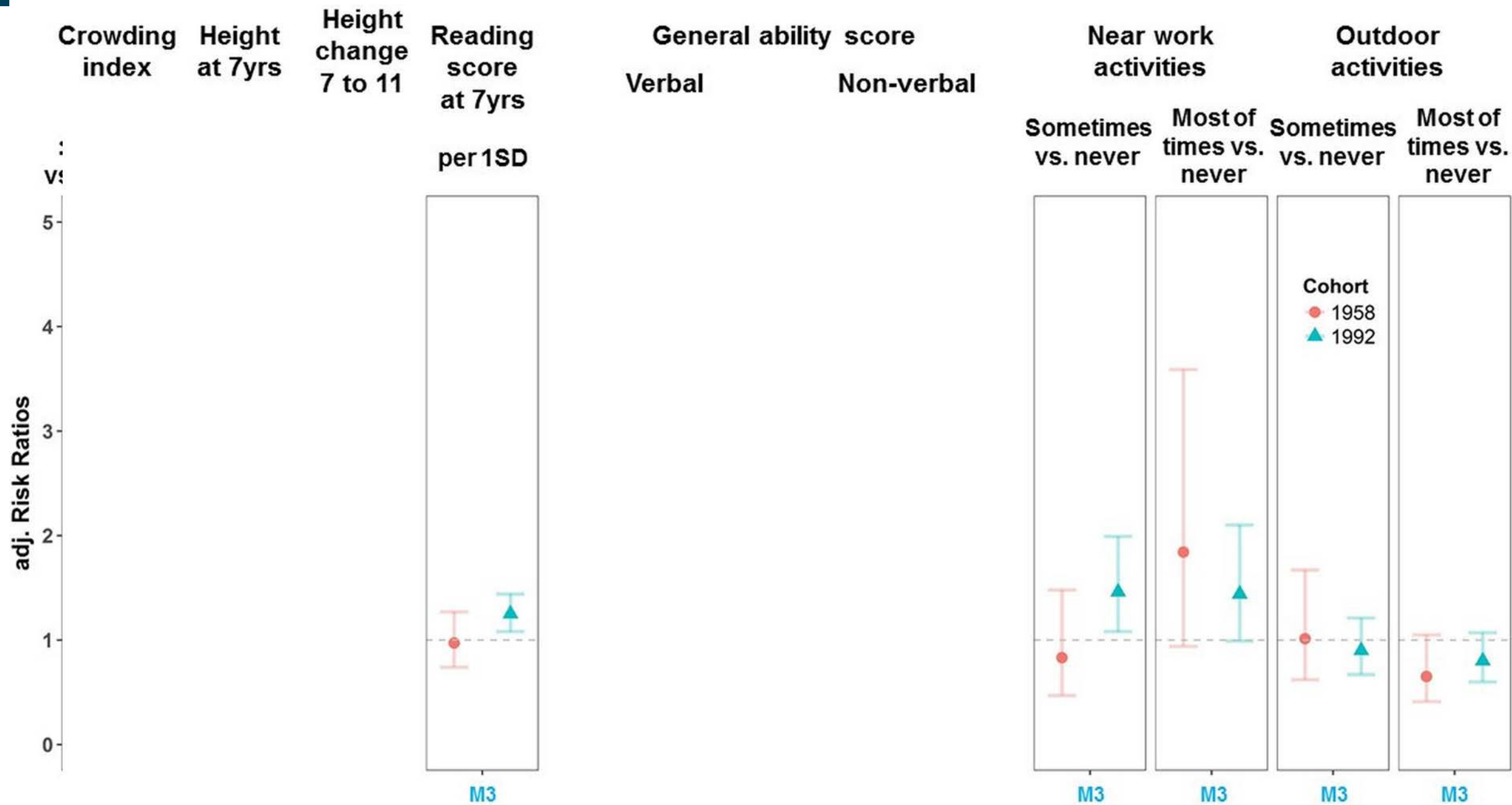
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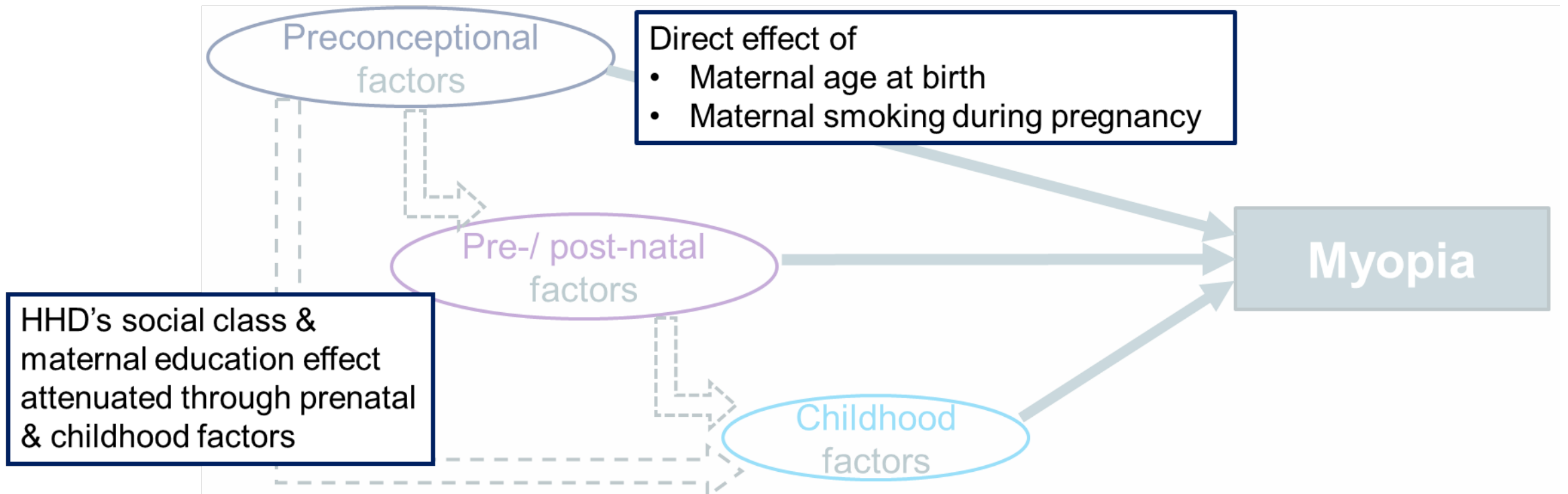
Yes vs. Never



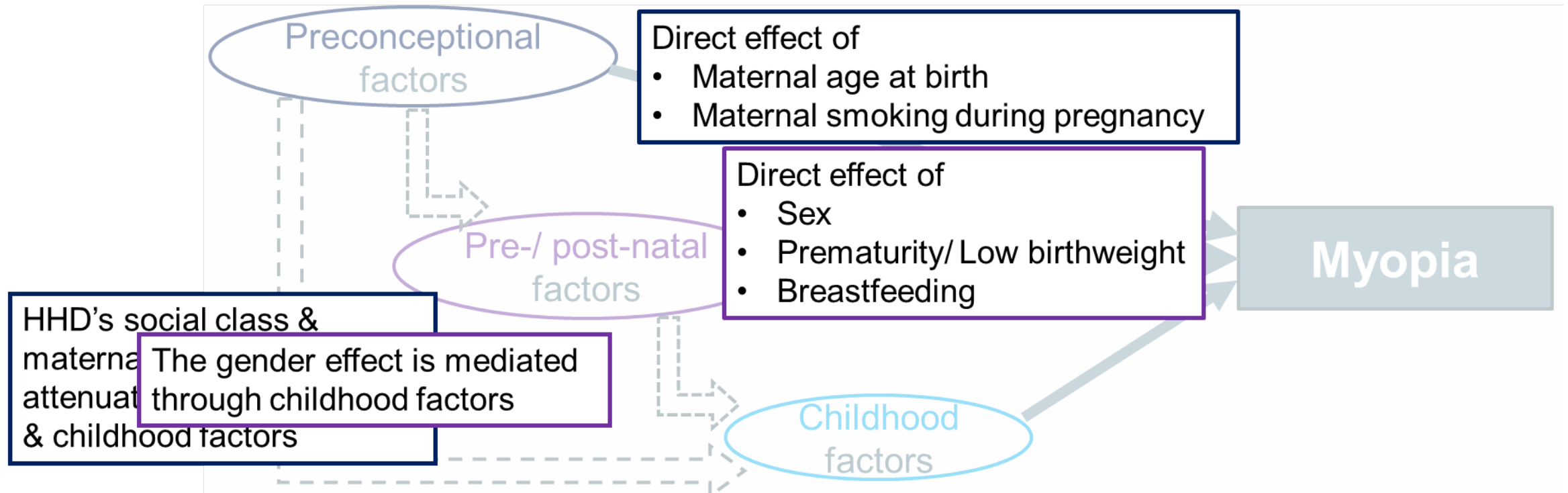
Childhood life factors



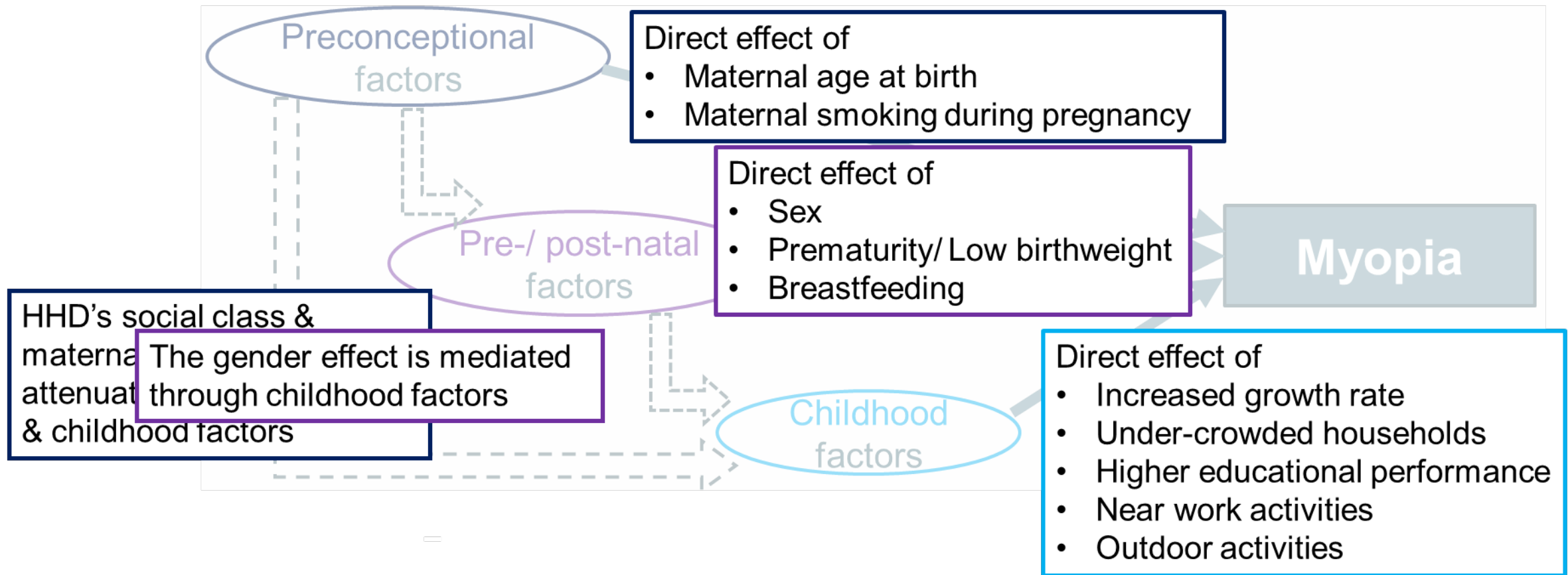
Summary



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Conclusion

- Increase over the time span of these cohorts in the risk of myopia onset by the age of 15/16 years old
- We have shown a mediating effect through other pathways linking early life influences on growth and eye-specific environmental factors
 - Different effect between cohorts
- Educational attainment along with any type of near work activity, and (at some extent) any type of outdoor activities, are the environmental factors associated with the risk of myopia

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Introduction

- Health-related behaviours (HRBs) are also known as ‘health habits’ ‘lifestyle behaviours’ or ‘lifestyle factors’.
- Four common HRBs in the United Kingdom are: Smoking, alcohol, diet and physical activity.
- **Strong associations with mortality** (*Khaw et al, 2008; Kvaavik et al, 2010*) **and morbidity** (*Chow et al, 2010*).

Introduction

- Clustering:

“Implies that they [HRBs] are not independent of each other and may therefore reflect an underlying causal or pathogenetic mechanism”

Ebrahim et al (2004), pp 4.

Introduction

Two systematic reviews of studies examining HRB clustering (*Noble et al, 2015; Meader et al, 2016*).

Included four negative HRBs: Smoking, poor diet, heavy alcohol consumption and physical inactivity.

Disadvantaged socio-economic position (SEP) = negative HRB cluster membership.

BUT what about childhood SEP and HRB clustering?

Introduction

- Research suggests disadvantaged SEP in childhood is associated with negative HRBs in adulthood (*Clouston et al, 2015; Wadsworth et al, 1997; Schooling & Kuh, 2002; Blane et al, 1996*).
- Some studies find this relationship is fully mediated by disadvantaged SEP in adulthood (*Kvaavik et al, 2012; Kestila et al, 2013; Paavola et al, 2004*).
- Others find a direct effect of disadvantaged childhood SEP on HRBs remains (*Kamphuis et al, 2013; Yang et al, 2008; Van de mheen et al, 1998; Watt et al, 2009; Pudrovskaja & Anishkin, 2013*).

Introduction

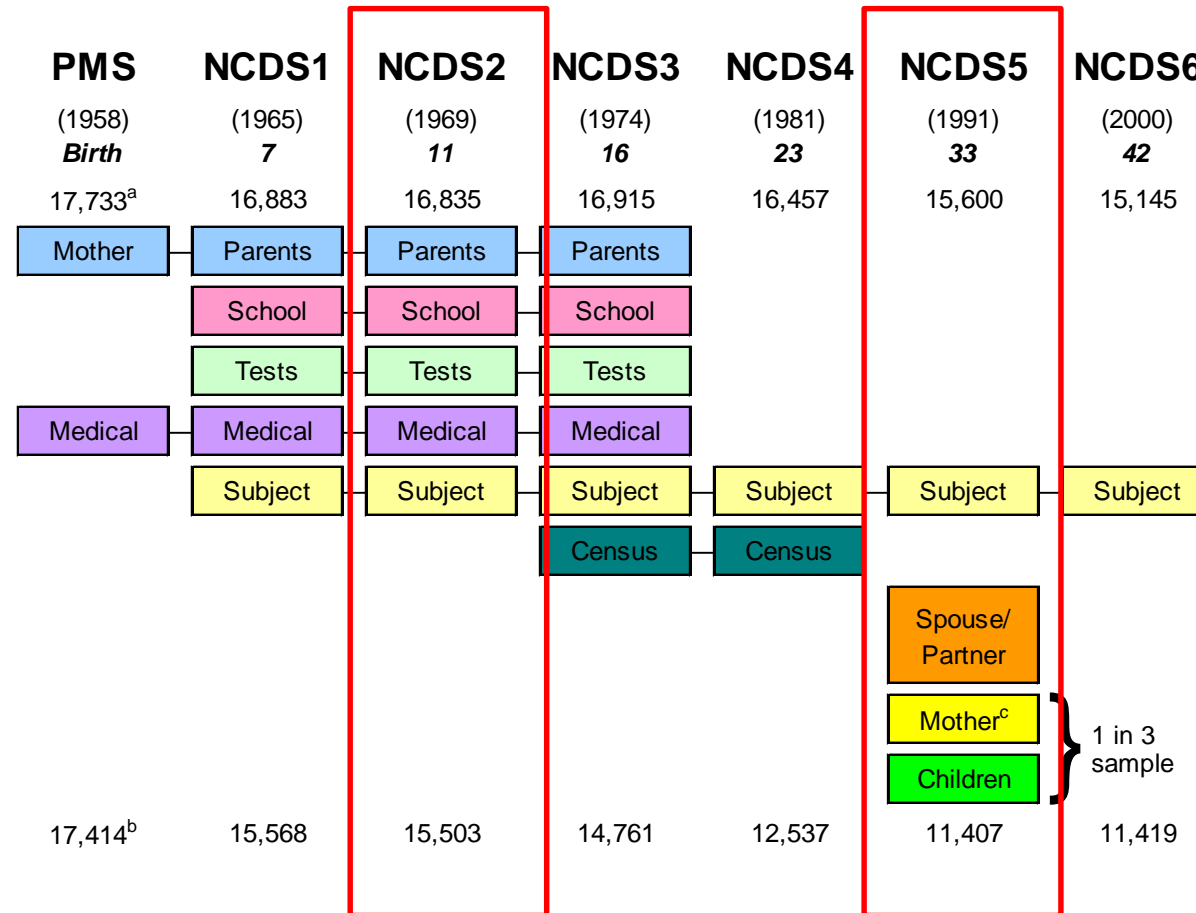
- A Swedish study found disadvantage SEP in childhood and adulthood were together predictive of membership to clusters characterised by multiple negative HRBs *(Falkstedt et al, 2016)*.

Gap in evidence: The role of childhood SEP on HRB clustering within a British context.

Research questions

- Does pre-adolescent SEP predict adulthood HRB cluster membership?
 - A. Does SEP at age 10/11 predict HRB cluster membership at age 33/34?
 - B. Does SEP at age 33/34 mediate the relationship between SEP at age 10/11 and HRB cluster membership at age 33/34?

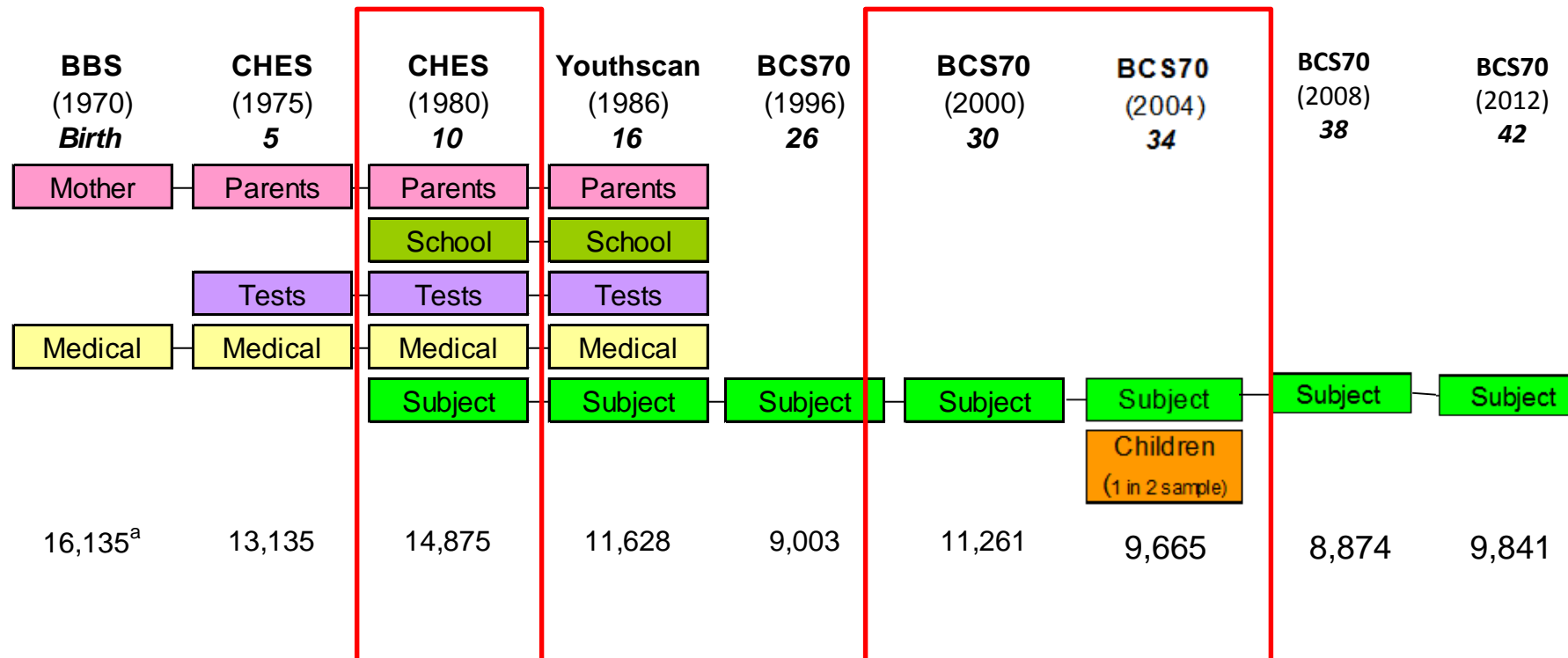
NCDS data



Notes

- a: Target sample - Excludes emigrants, refusals & deaths. Includes immigrants at NCDS1-3.
- b: Achieved sample - At least on survey instrument partially completed
- c: Mother - Could be Cohort Member or spouse/partner

BCS70 data



Notes

a: Achieved sample. NB: Target sample excluded emigrants, refusals & deaths; and included immigrants in 1975 & 1980.

Outcome variable

- Most likely cluster membership to one of three distinct HRB clusters:
 - Risky
 - Moderate Smokers
 - Mainstream

Mainstream cluster HRBs tend to be more beneficial for health
(Mawditt et al, 2016).

'Mainstream'

Men

1958 $n= 3,818$ (68.3%)

1970 $n= 3,410$ (73.9%)

Women

1958 $n= 3,980$ (68.8%)

1970 $n= 3,866$ (76.8%)



- **Non-smokers** (0 cigarettes daily).
- **Light drinkers** (lowest % drinking above recommended guidelines).
- **Highest** frequency of **fruit and vegetables** consumption.
- **Highest** frequency of leisure time **physical activity**.
- **Lowest** frequency of **fried food** consumption.
- BUT tended to have **higher** frequency of **sweet food** consumption.

'Risky'

Men

1958 $n= 82$ (1.5%)

1970 $n= 79$ (1.7%)

Women

1958 $n= 515$ (8.9%)

1970 $n= 183$ (3.6%)



- **Daily smokers** (20-40 cigarettes daily).
- **Heaviest drinkers** (highest % drinking above recommended guidelines).
- **Lowest** frequency of **fruit and vegetables** consumption.
- **Highest** frequency of **fried food** consumption.
- **Lowest** frequency of leisure time **physical activity**.
- BUT tend to have **lower** frequency of **sweet food** consumption.

'Moderate Smokers'

Men

1958 $n= 1,686$ (30.2%)

1970 $n= 1,124$ (24.4%)

Women

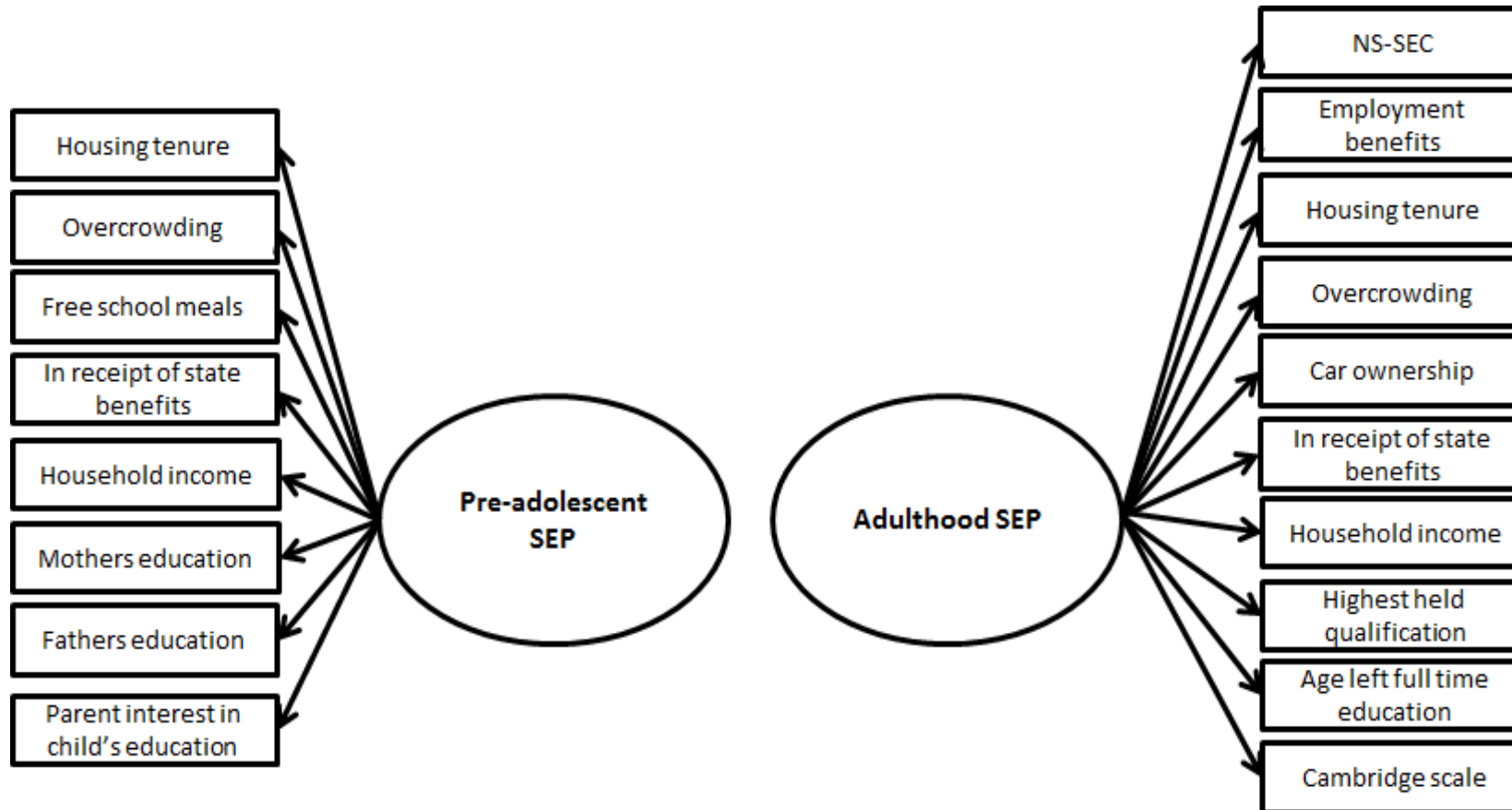
1958 $n= 1,292$ (22.3%)

1970 $n= 984$ (19.6%)



- **Daily smokers** (12-17 cigarettes daily).
- **Diet** frequency consumption, **alcohol** consumption and leisure time **physical activity** frequency **similar to Mainstream cluster**.

SEP constructs



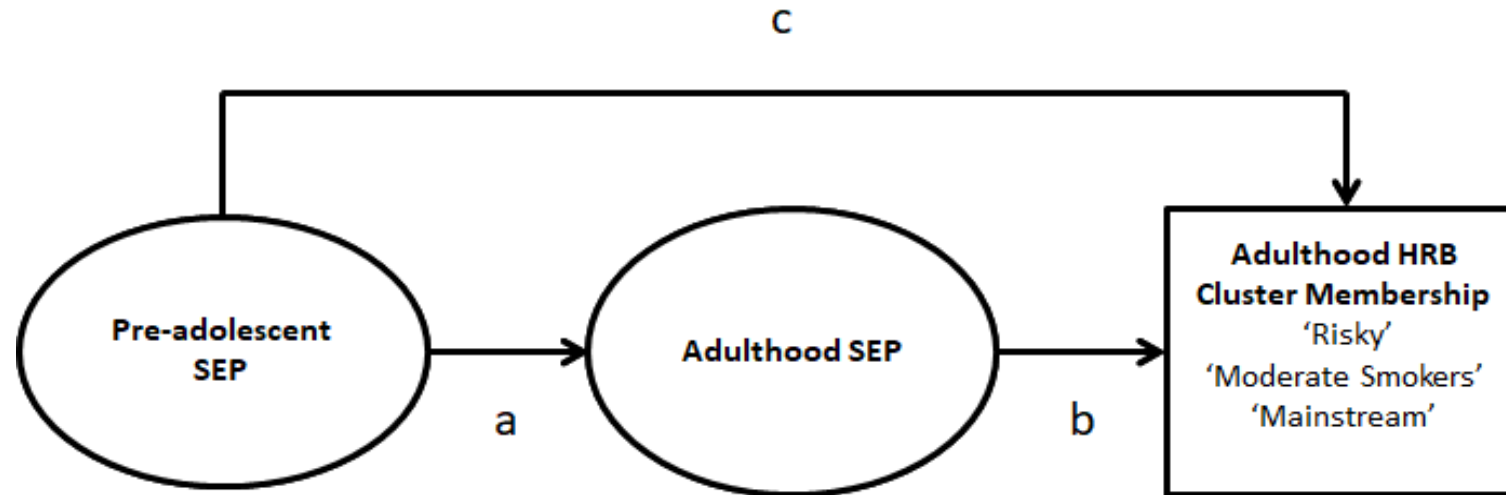
Adequate model fit = CFI > 0.9, RMSEA < 0.05.

A higher score on the SEP construct = more disadvantaged SEP.

Ovals represent the latent variables. Rectangles represent the observed variables.

Direct and indirect effects

Total effect = $ab + c$



Adequate model fit = CFI > 0.9, RMSEA < 0.05.

Path $a \times b$ = indirect path between pre-adolescent SEP and HRB cluster membership.

Path c = direct path between pre-adolescent SEP and HRB cluster membership.

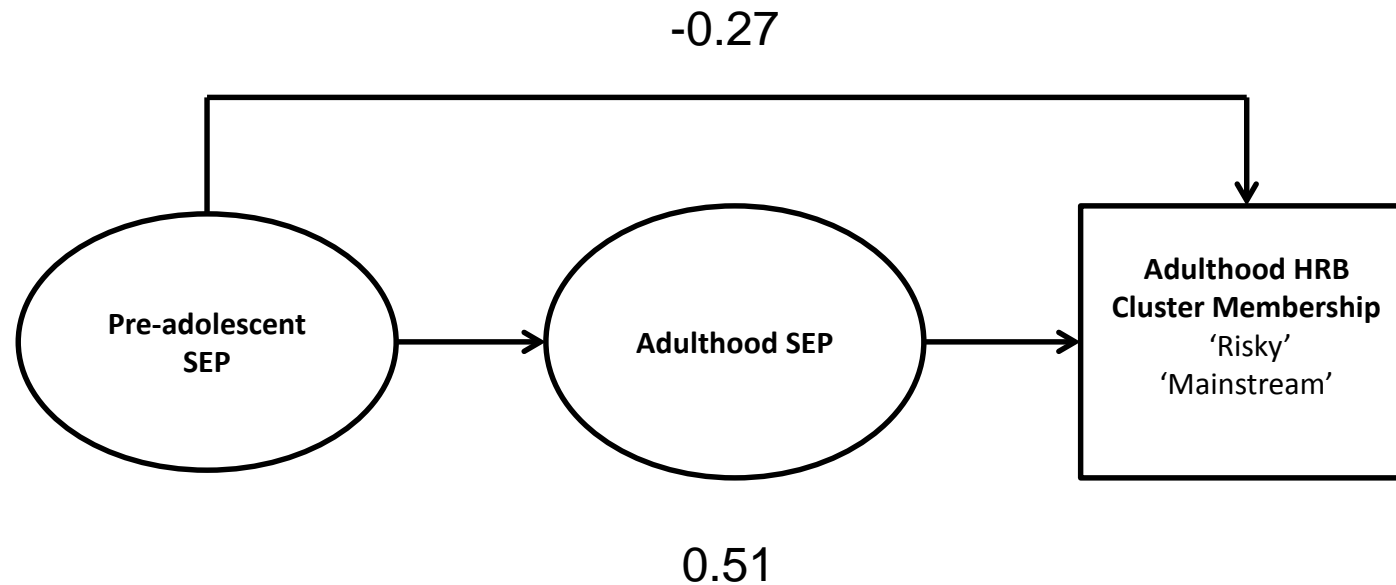
Path $ab +$ path c = total effect of pre-adolescent SEP on HRB cluster membership.

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Results

NCDS MEN ('Risky' vs 'Mainstream' cluster membership).

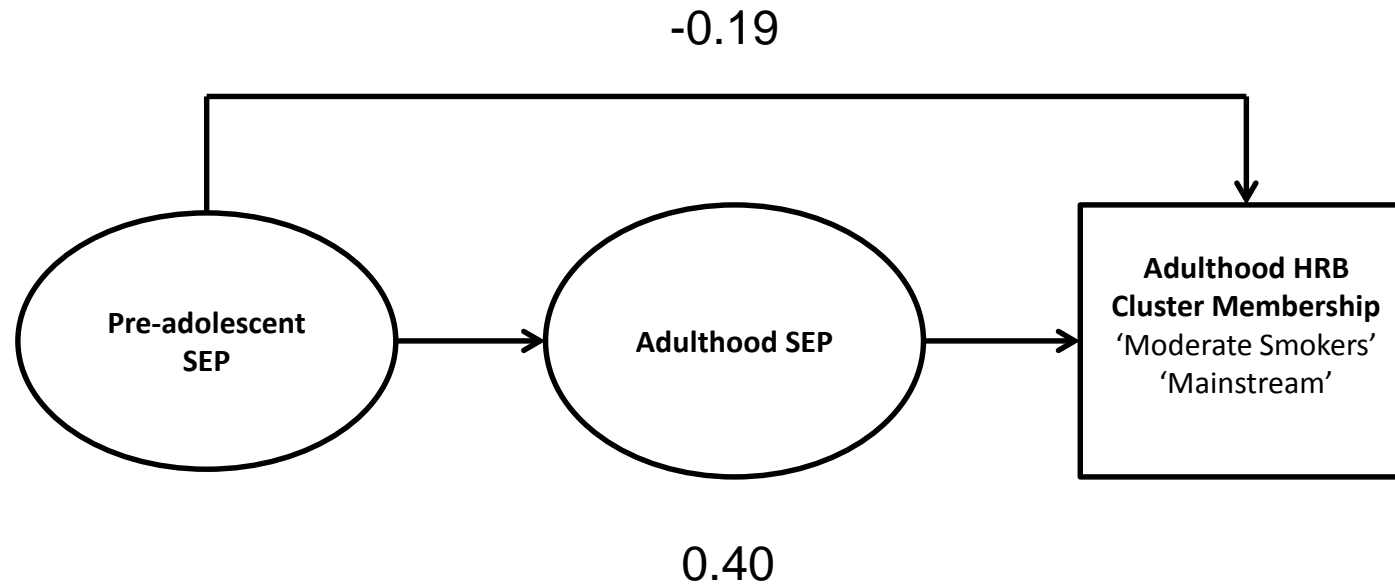
Total effect = 0.25



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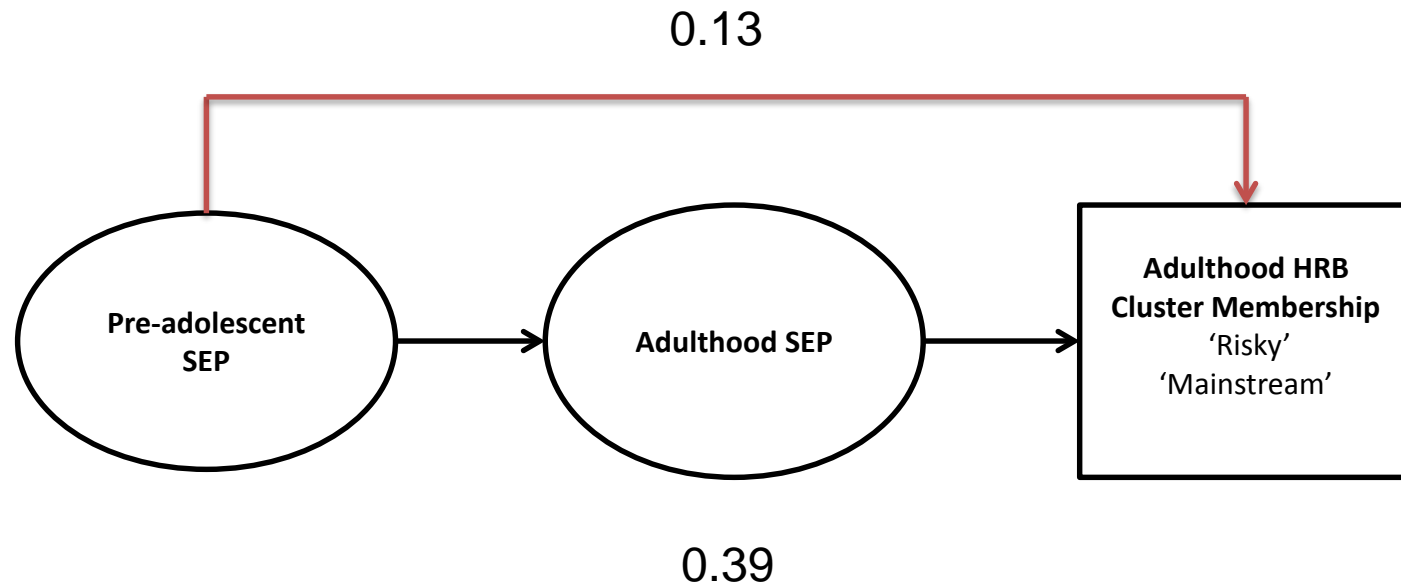
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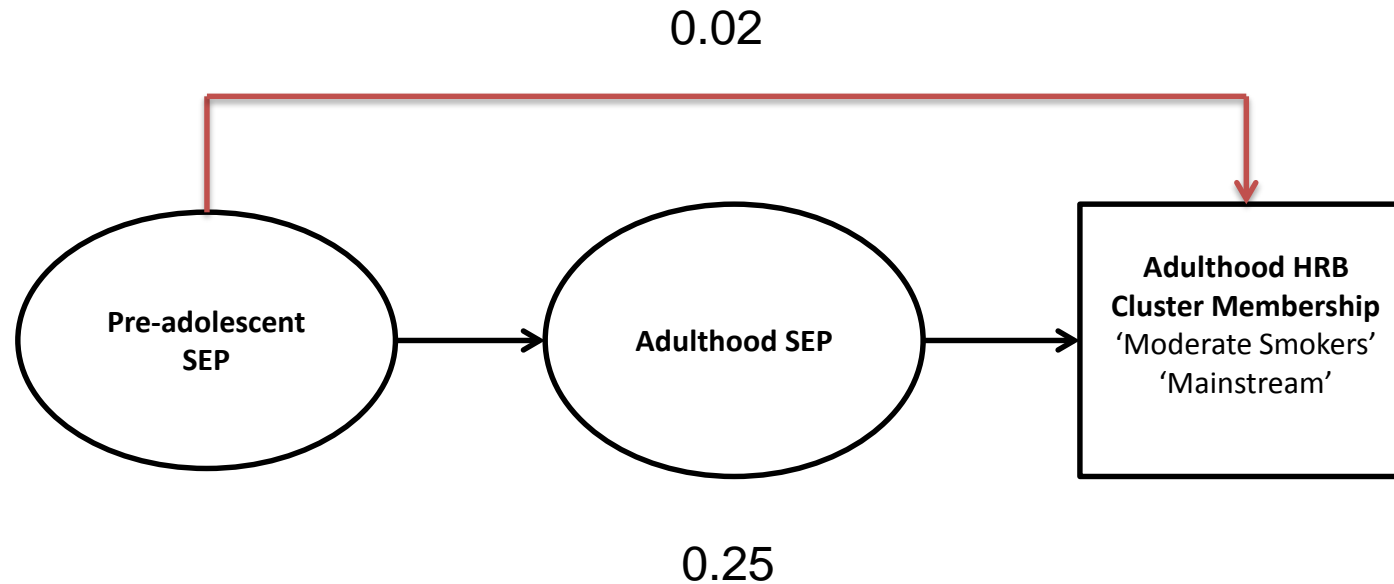
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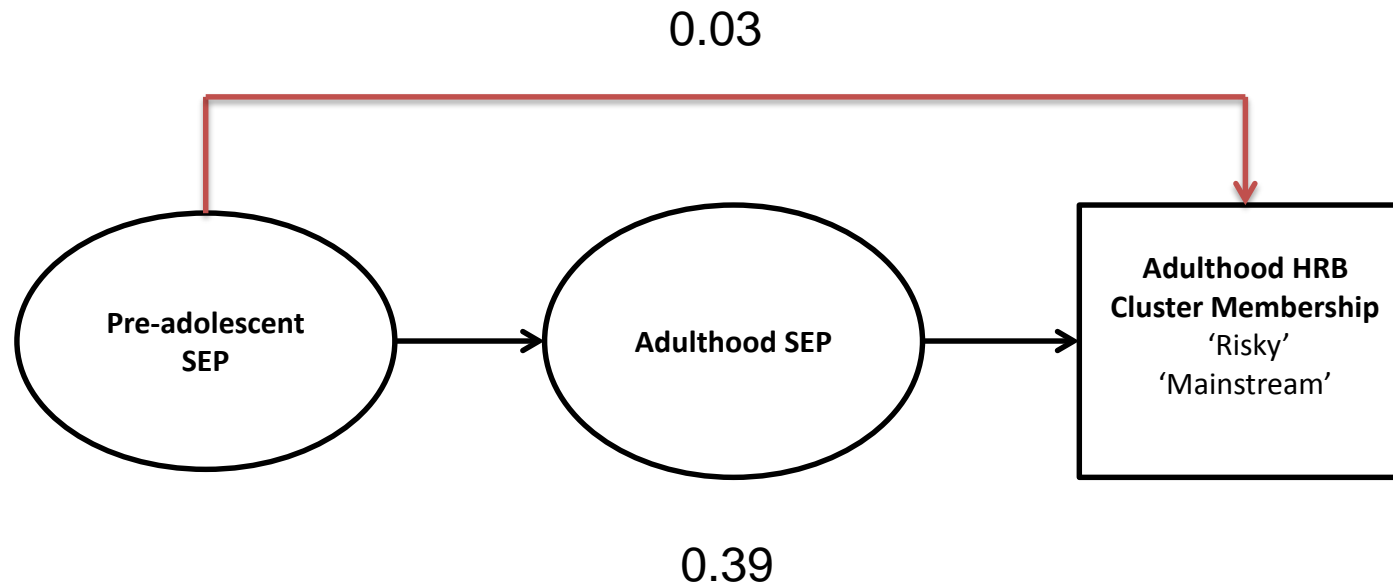
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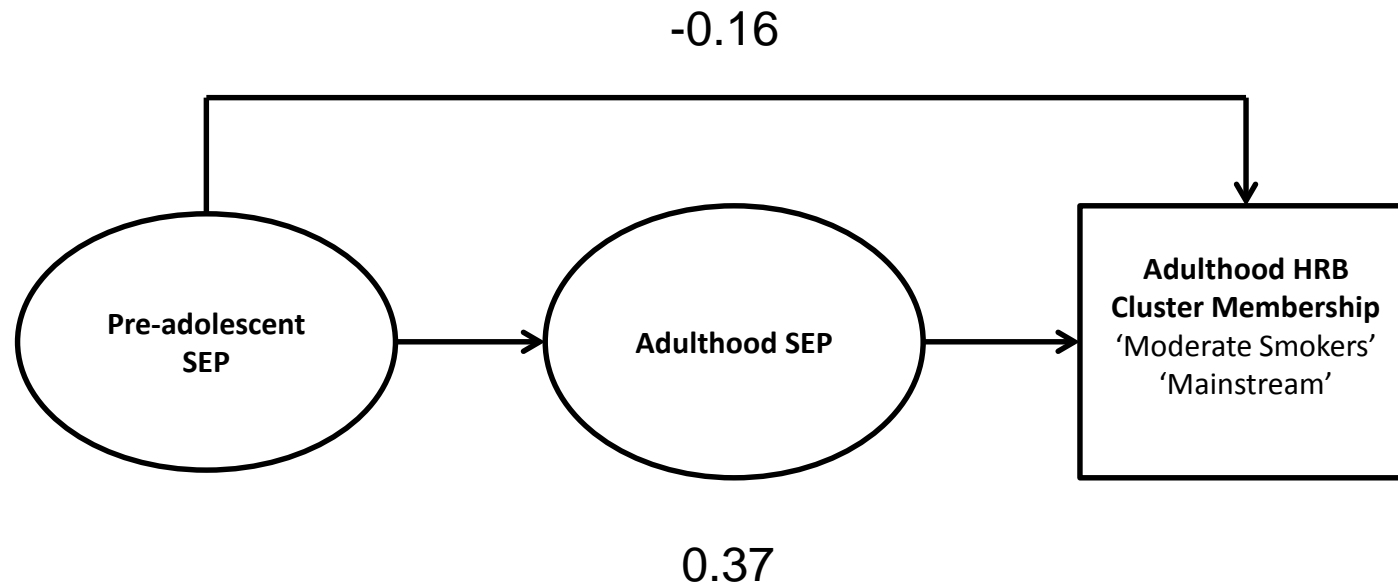
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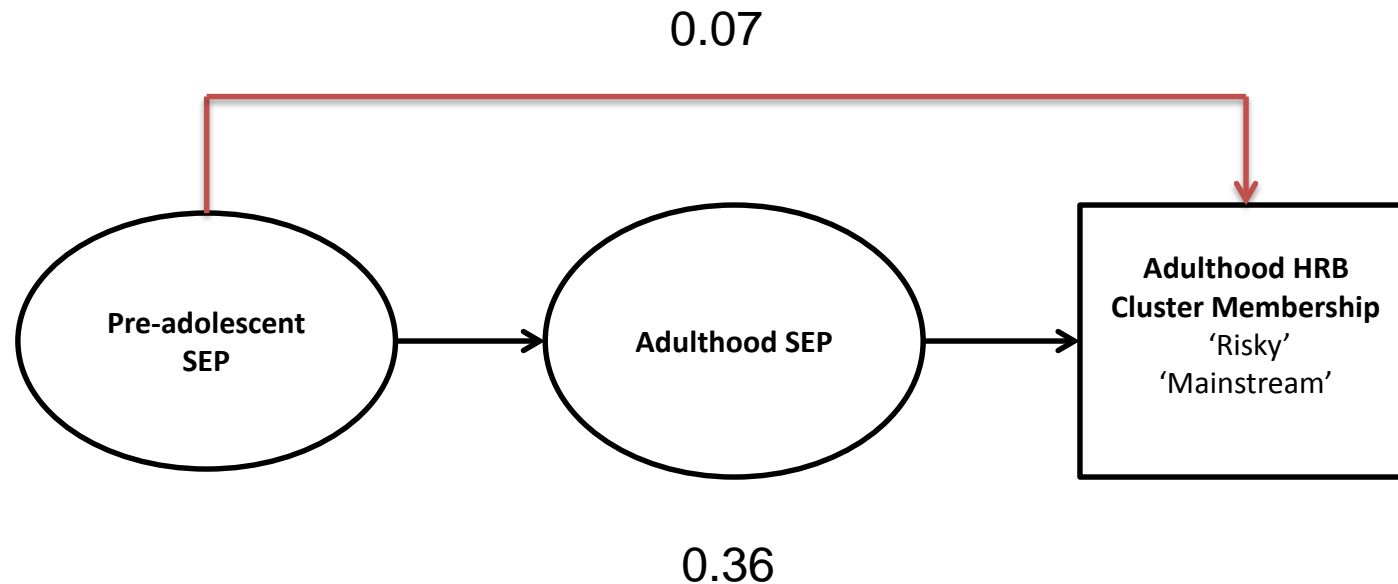
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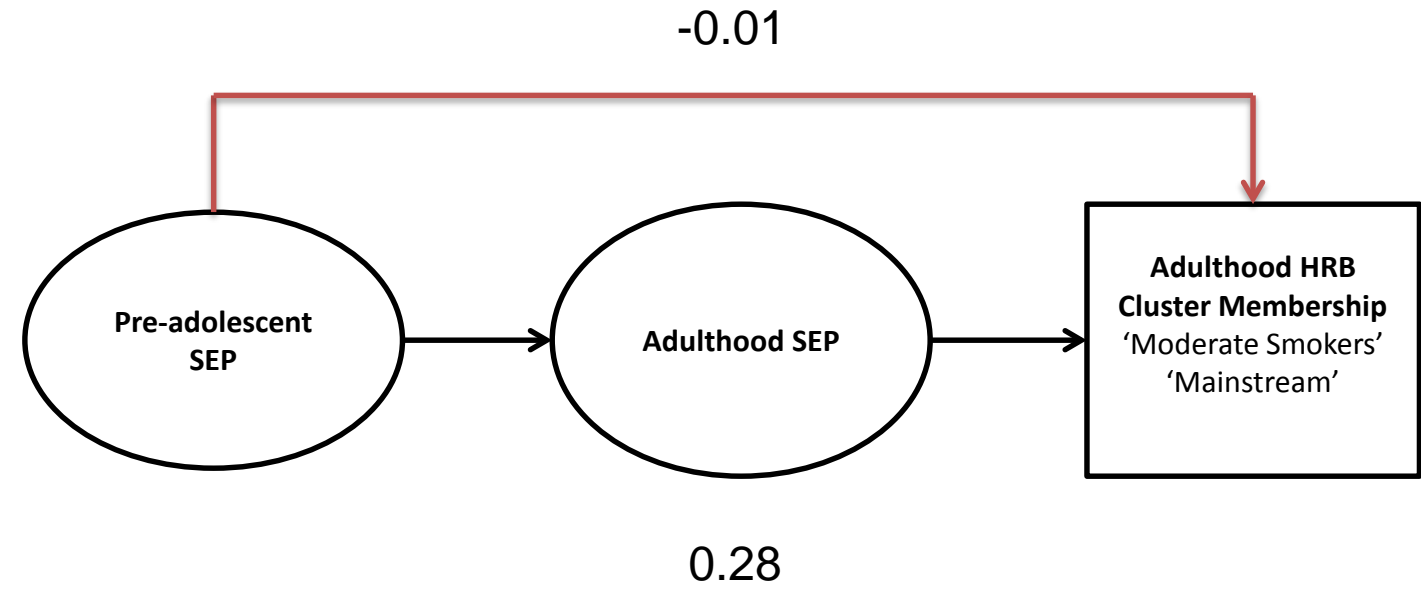
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Total effect = 0.27



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Conclusions

- Adult SEP mediated the path between pre-adolescent SEP and adult HRB clusters.
- Adult lifestyles are not pre-determined by earlier social circumstances.
- Results were consistent across two cohorts, twelve years apart and by gender.

Policy Implications

- Optimism for interventions relevant to reducing social gradients in HRBs.
- Highlights a ‘chain of risk’ between pre-adolescent SEP and adult lifestyle.
- Consistent findings imply inequalities in lifestyle persist across time.
- ‘Upstream’ policies and interventions that address the social structure could break the link between SEP and adult HRBs.

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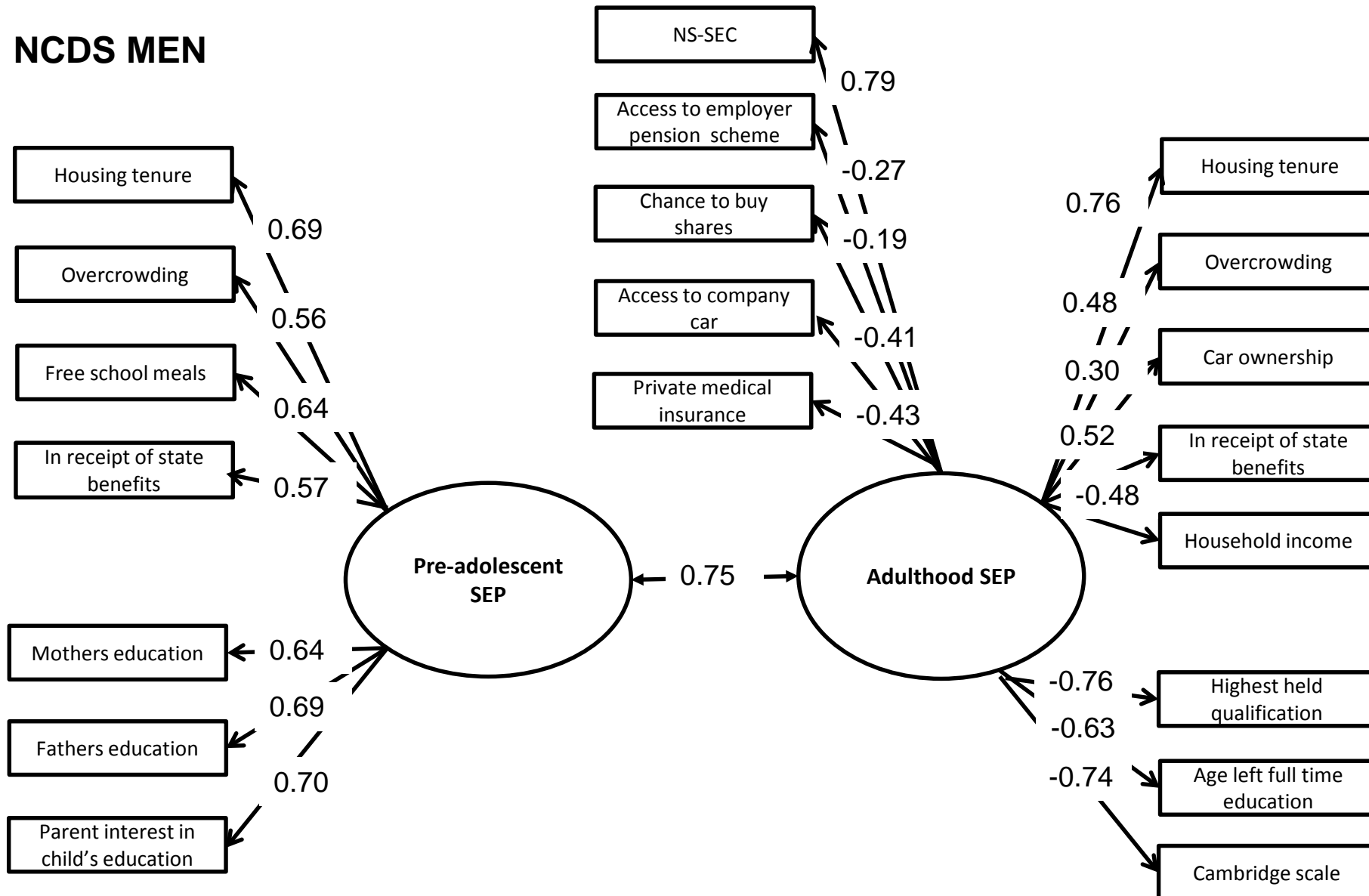
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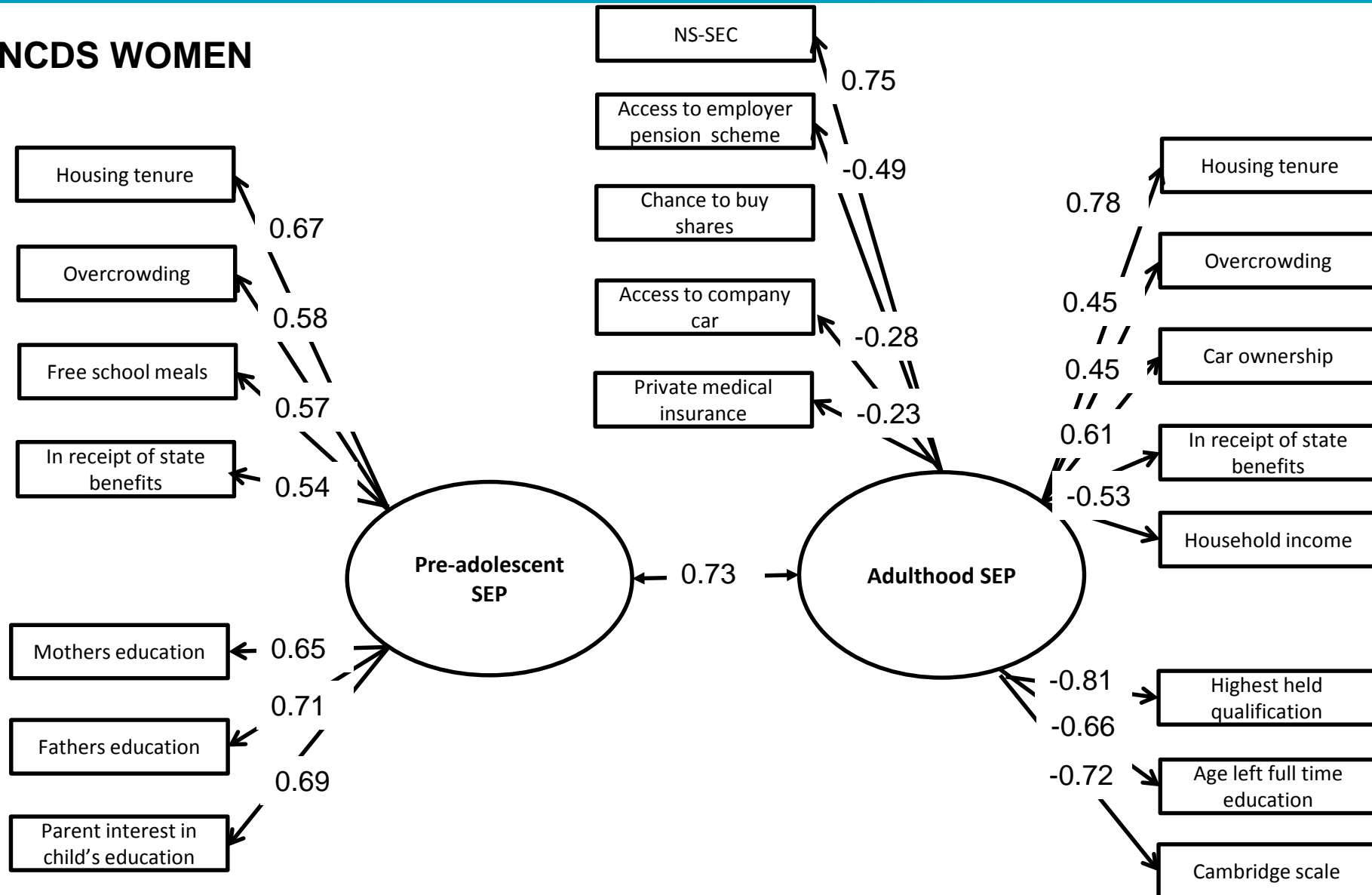
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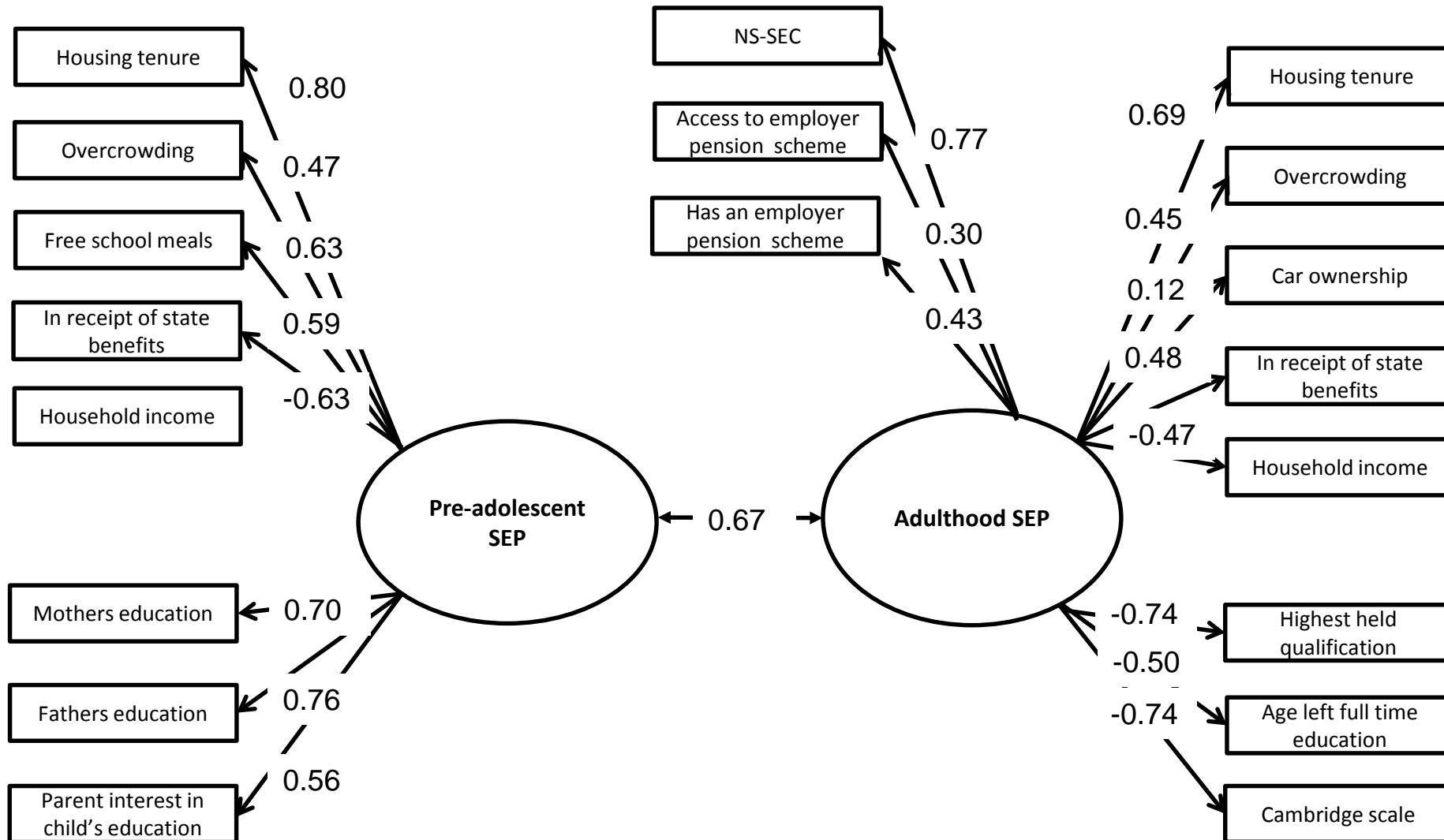
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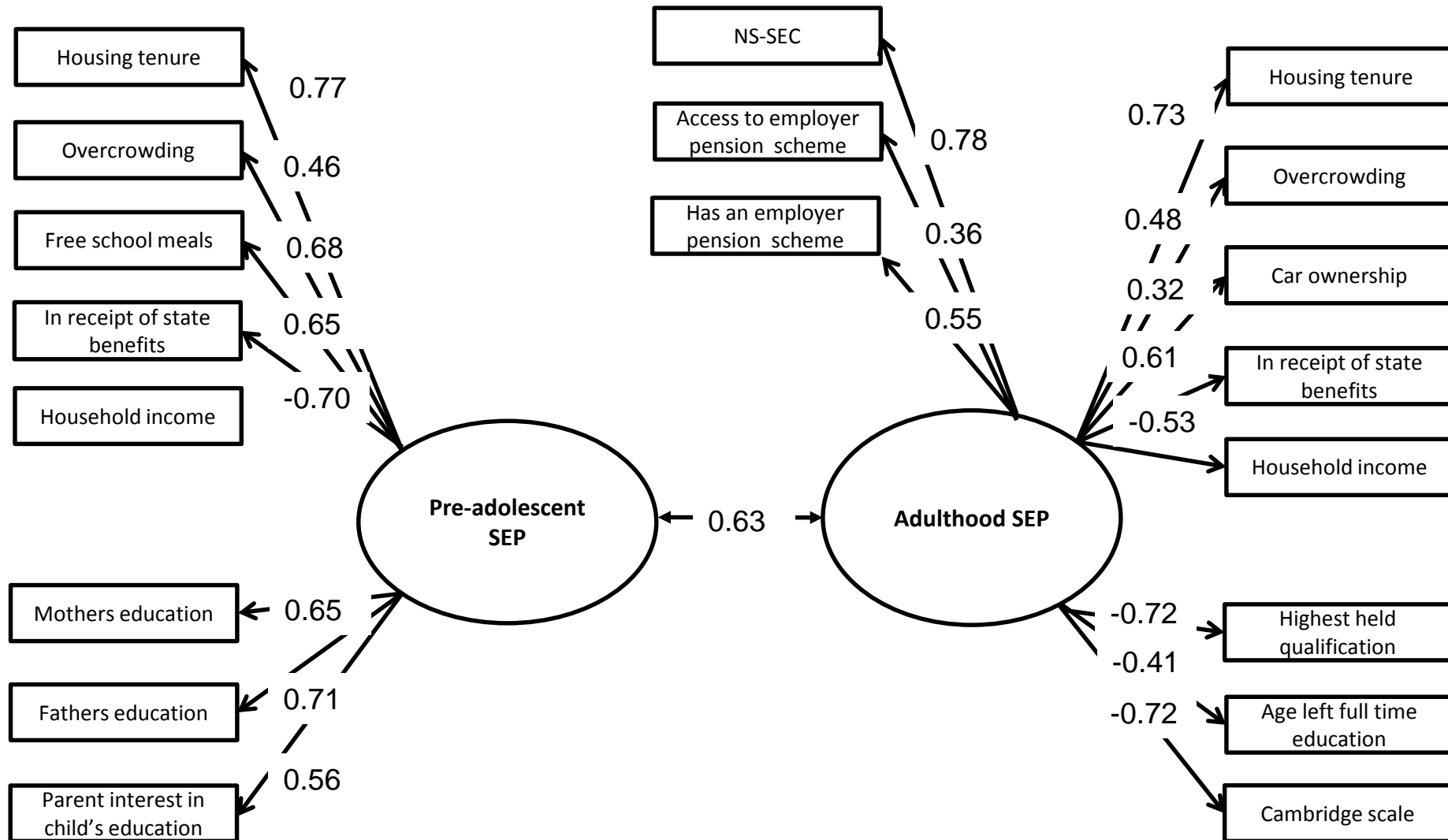
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