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<u>Objectives</u>: To examine the relationship between suicidal attempts and psychosocial stress, severity of depression, presence of personality pathology, comorbid conditions in depressed patients and identify the factors that can predict suicidal attempt

<u>Setting</u>: King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital

<u>Design</u>: Matched case-control study

<u>Subjects and method</u>: ninety patients with age above 15 years who presented with suicidal attempt and had clinical of depression and met the eligible criteria for case and ninety depressed patients who met the criteria for control that matched for age and gender were conducted clinical diagnostic interview. Psychiatric diagnosis using DSM-IV criteria, details of the self-harm act, psychosocial stressor, past history and family history of psychiatric illness were assessed. Hamilton rating scale for depression, life events in social readjustment rating scale, 16 PF for personality profile and Zung self-rating anxiety scale were performed. Data were analyzed using percentage, McNemar Chi square, Odds Ratio, 95% Confidence Interval of odds ratio and conditional logistic regression.

Results: Most cases of depressed patients were female (75.6%) and mean age 29 years (SD = 10.75). The method employed for suicidal attempt in cases was ingestion of drug or chemical agents (93.4%). Cases were more likely than controls to have current psychosocial stress, severe depression, recurrent depressive episode, history and family history of substance use, financial problem, lower level of education and personality profile that showed low intelligence. From conditional logistic regression analysis, the predictive factors to suicidal attempt in depressed patients were history of substance use, lower level of education and presence of stressful life event.

<u>Conclusion</u>: Presence of current stressful life event, particularly family or interpersonal relationship problems, as well as history of substance use and lower level of education appear to have an important role in suicidal attempt in depressed patients. These findings underline the importance of adequate assessment of these factors when evaluating suicidal risk in depressed patients and development of preventive strategies for those patients.

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# CHAPTER 1

# INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Depressive disorder or depression is the fourth leading cause of worldwide disease burden, according to a recent study of premature mortality and disability around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) researchers predicted that, by the year 2020, depression will be second rank among disease burden after heart disease. The lifetime prevalence is 10-25% for women and 5-12% for men<sup>2</sup>. Although culture can influence the experience and communication of depressive illness, an annual prevalence of major depression occurs about 1-6% in all part of the world. The rate is typically higher for women than men<sup>3</sup>. Patients with major depression have persistent depressed mood or loss of interest and pleasure accompanied by change in appetite, weight, sleep, feeling of guilt, difficulty in concentration and recurrent thoughts of death or suicide thoughts, plans or attempts.

Depressive disorders meet all criterias that are necessary to consider as a priority of a major public health problem<sup>4</sup>: they are frequent, they cause significant suffering and incapacity, effective and acceptable interventions are available to treat them and their prevalence is likely to rise. The WHO and the World Bank have calculated how many life years will be lost due to disability related to depression and reported that taking the whole as a world, the disability associated with depressive illness results in the loss of almost 13 million years of life each year<sup>5</sup>. This can easily be translated in term of economic loss and human loss and suffering.

Depressed patients are at high risk for suicidal behavior. There is some evidence that the majority of completed suicidal are committed by patients suffering from a psychiatric illness, depression being the most common diagnosis. A review of follow-up studies show a lifetime incidence of suicide among depressed patients of 15%. The suicidal risk in patients with depression is 3.5 to 4.5 fold higher than that in individual suffering from other psychiatric disorder, and 22 to 36 times higher than that in members of general population. On the basis of psychological autopsy studies it has been concluded that 30-70% of suicide victims are depressed. The reported prevalence of depression among suicide attempts ranges from 30% to 66%. There are eight to ten times the number of suicidal attempts as that of committed suicide. It has been estimated that 9-43% of the suicidal attempts will eventually die by committing suicide. Approximately 1% of persons who attempt suicide will commit suicide during the following year. These findings show that the relationship between depression and suicidal acts is a robust one, although not all depressed patients make a suicidal attempt.

Suicide prevention through early detection and effective treatment of severe mental disorder (notably depression) has been emphasized 12,13. Depression alone, however, dose not sufficiently explain why suicide attempts occur. There exist, to date, only few studies which have tried to compare depressed patients with suicide attempts to depressed patients without suicide attempt 14-18. Some studies have raised the possibility that various forms of comorbidity increase the risk of suicide 19-22. Some findings suggest that the effectiveness of this strategy may be further improved if more attention could be paid to severe depressives, substance misusers 3 with comorbid impulsive personality disorder and stressful life events. Mental disorder alone is a necessary but not sufficient cause for suicide, and the link between mental disorder and social factors contributing suicide is a complex issue 24. It is therefore a great importance to study the clinical,

sociodemographic and psychosocial predictors of suicidal attempts in depressed subjects.

The aim of this study is to examine suicidal attempt in depressive patients in relation to psychosocial stress, severity of depression, the presence of personality disorders, comorbid conditions and sociodemographic factors.

#### 1.2 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

#### 1. Primary research question:

Are there the relationship between suicidal attempt and current psychosocial stress in depressed patients?

# 2. Secondary research question:

Are there any relationship between suicidal attempt and severity of depression, presence of personality disorder or comorbid conditions in depressed patients?

What is / are the factor(s) to predict suicidal attempt in patients with depressive disorder?

#### 1.3 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

#### 1. General objective

To identify the factor(s) that can predict suicidal attempt in patients with depressive disorder

To determine the high-risk subgroups among this depressive patient population who need more suicidal precaution.

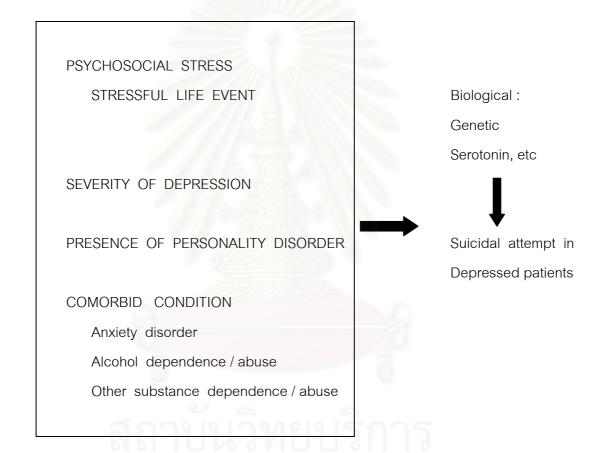
# 2. Specific objective

To examine the relationship between suicidal attempt and psychosocial stress, severity of depression, presence of personality disorder, comorbid conditions in depressed patient

## 1.4 RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

There are relationship between suicidal attempt and psychosocial stress or some associated factors in depressed patients.

# 1.5 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



#### 1.6 KEY WORDS

Suicidal attempt, depressive disorder, predictor, psychosocial stress

#### 1.7 OPERATIONAL DEFINITION

# Suicidal attempt<sup>25</sup>

A self – destructive act that was sufficiently serious to require medical evaluation and carried out with the intent to end one's life.

# Depression or depressive disorder<sup>2</sup>

Patient exhibits depressive symptoms as the major feature such as either depressed mood or loss of interest, and also experience some symptoms that included change in appetite and weight, change in sleep and activity, lack of energy, feeling of guilt, problem in thinking and making decision and recurring thought of death or suicide.

## Psychosocial stress

The psychosocial and environmental problems that significantly contribute to the development or exacerbation of the current disorder.

#current psychosocial stress

The psychosocial and environmental problems that have been presented during 3 months preceding the current disorder.

#past psychosocial stress

The psychosocial and environmental problems that occurred in the past or more than 3 months before the current disorder.

#### Comorbidity

The presence of more than one specific disorder in person in a defined period of time

#### 1.8 ETHICAL CONSIDERATION

The study objectives and protocol must be thoroughly explained to the subjects before enrolling in the study. Consent were obtained from each patient both in case and control group who participated in the study.

#### CHAPTER 2

#### REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Depressive disorder are considered to be a major public health problem. In order to be considered of public health importance, a condition must meet certain criteria. These include frequency, severity (in terms of suffering and capacity), temporal trends (stability or growth of a condition), and the existence of effective intervention that are acceptable to patient and to the community. Depressive disorders occur frequently and produce severe suffering for those affected and for their families. The consequences of depressive disorder in terms of excessive mortality, disability and secondary morbidity are grave. There are indications that the frequency of depressive disorders will increase in the years to come, for a variety of reasons, including demographic changes, extended life expectancy of people suffering from chronic physical disorders and other. Additionally, there are the existence of effective interventions that are acceptable to the patient and to the community.

#### 2.1 DEPRESSION

# 2.1.1 EPIDEMIOLOGY

Depression is extremely common. Surveys show that up to 25% of the population may suffer from this disorder at some time in their lives<sup>26</sup>. Most cases of depression are mild but one person in twenty will have a moderate or severe episode.

Table 2.1 shows the results of a recent study involving more than 25,000 people who attended general health care service in 15 different centers world wide. The proportion of patients who were actually suffering from depressive

disorders when they contacted the general health service was high (mean value of 10.4%). However, there was a wide span ranging from approximately 30% in Santiago, Chile to as low as 2.6% in Japan<sup>27</sup>

**Table 2.1** Prevalence of Depressive Disorder Among People Contacting General Health Services in 15 centers Worldwide.

Place	Prevalence (%)
Santiago, Chile	29.5
Manchester, United Kingdom	16.9
Groningen, The Netherlands	15.9
Rio, Brazil	15.8
Paris, France	13.7
Ankara, Turkey	11.6
Mainz, Germany	11.2
Bangalore, India	9.1
Athens, Greece	6.4
Seattle, United States	6.3
Berlin, Germany	6.1
Verona, Italy	4.7
Ibadan, Nigeria	4.2
Shanghai, China	4.0
Nagasaki, Japan	2.6
Mean worldwide prevalence	10.4

There were some epidemiological studies carried out in Thailand. For example;

Sitasuwan  $J^{28}$  used Feighner criteria for a psychiatric epidemiological survey among subjects age 31-50 years in community in Bangkok and found that 47.5% had a psychiatric problem.

The survey of Otrakul A et  ${\rm al}^{29}$  for the year 1993 showed that the prevalence of elderly depression in Din-Daeng area was 38%

Jaisin  $S^{30}$  used SCL-90 in a survey in community and found that 30% of the sample had a mental health problem.

Trankasombat U et al<sup>31</sup> studied by using the Children's Depression Inventory, Thai version and revealed 40.8% of 1264 students aged 10-17 years with the mean age of 14 years in Bangkok as having significant depressive symptoms (total CDI score greater than 15) and 13.3% as having marked depressive symptoms (total CDI score greater than 21)

Thavichachart N et al<sup>32</sup> studied 711 elderly people aged over 60 from Bangkok and Uthaithani province representing urban and rural areas and found that the prevalence of depression was 82.28 percent among the Thai studied population, 80.3 percent in Bangkok and 84.8 percent in Uthaithani province

Thavichachart N et al<sup>33</sup> reported the lifetime prevalence of depression is about 19.9% according to epidemiological survey of mental disorders and knowledge attitude practice upon mental health among people in Bangkok metropolis.

#### 2.1.2 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Depression is a mood state that is characterized by significantly lowered mood and a loss of interest or pleasure in activities that are normally enjoyable. Depression is actually a syndrome that has clusters of symptoms.

The clinical features of depression fall into four broad categories :

- 1. mood (affect) : sad, blue, unhappy, depressed, down-in-the dumps, empty, worried, irritable
- 2. cognition : loss of interest, difficulty concentrating, low self esteem, negative thoughts, indecisiveness, guilt, suicidal ideation, delusion
- 3. behavior : psychomotor retardation or agitation, crying dependency, social withdrawal, suicide

4. somatic (physical including vegetative features) : sleep disturbance (insomnia or hypersomnia), decreased or increased appetite, weight loss or gain, fatigue, pain, headache, muscle tension, decreased libido.

#### 2.1.3 NOSOLOGY AND DIAGNOSIS

Patients with depressive symptoms are considered to suffer from numerous different depressive disorders with clear diagnostic boundaries. Categorical approach using standardized diagnostic criteria of mental disorders not only assist in the detection and recognition of disorders but also provide estimation of their prevalence. Moreover reliable diagnostic criteria can be used to systematically evaluate treatment modalities, understand the etiology of the illness, establish patient prognosis and plan preventive measures.

The fourth edition of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental disorder (DSM-IV), published in 1994 by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), is the official psychiatric nosology. Specified diagnostic criteria are provided for each specific mental disorder. These criteria include a list of feature that must be present for the diagnosis to be made. Such criteria increase the reliability of clinicians' process of diagnosis

Depression is syndrome, if the symptoms are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance or a general medical condition, it may be categorized into.

- Major depressive disorder
- Dysthymia or dysthymic disorder
- Depressive disorder not otherwise specified
- Adjustment disorder with depressed mood

The diagnostic criteria for each depressive disorder specify a certain level of severity and certain duration of symptom as minimum requirement to meet the diagnosis

#### MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

#### **DIAGNOSIS**

Major depressive disorder is identified by the presence of one or more depressive episodes in the absence of a history of mania or hypomania

The DSM-IV diagnostic criteria for a major depressive episode are

A. Five (or more) of the following symptoms have been present during the same 2-week period and represent a change from previous functioning; at least one of the symptoms in either (1) depressed mood or (2) loss of interest or pleasure.

Note: Do not include symptoms that are clearly due to a general medical condition, or mood-incongruent delusions or hallucinations.

- (1) depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day, as indicated by either subjective report (eg., feels sad or empty) or observation made by others (eg.,appears tearful). Note: in children and adolescent, can be irritable mood.
- (1) markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities most of the day, nearly every day (as indicated either by subjective account or observation made by others)
- (3) significant weight loss when not dieting or weight gain (eg., a change of more than 5% of body weight in a month), or decrease or increase in appetite nearly every day. Note: in children, consider failure to make expected weight gains
- (4) insomnia or hypersomnia nearly every day
- (5) psychomotor agitation or retardation nearly every day (observable by others, not merely subjective feelings of restlessness or being slowed down)
- (6) fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day

- (7) feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt (which may be delusional) nearly every day (not merely self-reproach or guilt about being sick)
- (8) diminished ability to think or concentrate, or indecisiveness, nearly every day (either by subjective account or as observed by others)
- (9) recurrent thoughts of death (not just fear of dying), recent current suicidal ideation without a specific plan, or a suicide attempt or a specific plan for committing suicide
- B. The symptoms do not meet criteria for a mixed episode.
- C. The symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.
- D. The symptoms are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (eg., a drug of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition (eg. hypothyroidism)
- E. The symptoms are not better accounted for by bereavement, ie, after the loss of a loved one, the symptoms persist for longer than 2 months or are characterized by marked functional impairment, morbid preoccupation with worthlessness, suicidal ideation, psychotic symptoms, or psychomotor retardation.

#### DYSTHYMIA OR DYSTHYMIC DISORDER

According to DSM-IV, the essential feature of dysthymic disorder is a chronic disturbance of mood involving depressed mood (or possible an irritable mood in children and adolescents) for most of the day more days than not, for at least two years (one year for children and adolescents). In addition to depression, two or more of the following are necessary: decrease appetite or overeating, hypersomnia or insomnia, fatigue, poor self-esteem, impaired concentration or difficulty with decision making and feeling of hopelessness.

# Diagnostic criteria for dysthymic disorder

A. Depressed mood for most of the day, for more days than not, as indicated either by subjective account or observation by others, for at least 2 years.

Note: In children and adolescents, mood can be irritable and duration must be at least 1 year.

**Note**: Do not include symptoms that are clearly due to a general medical condition, or mood-incongruent delusions or hallucinations.

- B. Presence, while depressed, of two (or more) of the following:
  - (1) poor appetite or overeating
  - (2) insomnia or hypersomnia
  - (3) low energy or fatigue
  - (4) low self-esteem
  - (5) poor concentration or difficulty making decisions
  - (6) feelings of hopelessness
- C. During the 2-year period (1 year for children or adolescents) of the disturbance, the person has never been without the symptoms in criteria A and B for more than 2 months at a time.
- D. No major depressive episode had been present during the first 2 years of the disturbance (1 year for children and adolescents); ie, the disturbance in not better accounted for by chronic major depressive disorder, or major depressive disorder, in partial remission.

Note: There may have been a previous major depressive episode provide there was a full remission (no significant signs or symptoms for 2 month) before development of the dysthymic disorder. In addition, after the initial 2 years (1 year in children or adolescents) of dysthymic disorder, there may be superimposed episodes of major depressive disorder, in which case both diagnoses may be given when the criteria are met for a major depressive episode.

- E. There has never been a manic episode, a mixed episode, or a hypomanic episode, and criteria have never been met for cyclothymic disorder.
- F. The disturbance dose not occur exclusively during the course of a chronic psychotic disorder, such as schizophrenia or delusion disorder.
- G. The symptoms are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (eg, a drug of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition (eg. hypothyroidism)
- H. The symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

# DEPRESSIVE DISORDER NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

The depressive disorder not otherwise specified category includes disorders with depressive feature that do not meet the criteria for Major depressive disorder, Dysthymic disorder, Adjustment disorder with depressed mood or Adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood. Sometimes depressive symptoms can present as part of an Anxiety disorder not otherwise specified. Example of Depressive disorder NOS include.

- Premenstrual dysphoric disorder: in most menstrual cycle during the past year, symptoms (eg. markedly depressed mood, marked anxiety, marked affective labiality, decreased interest in activities) regularly occurred during the last week of the luteal phase (and remitted within a few days of the onset of mens). These symptoms must be severe enough to markedly interfere with work, school or usually activities and be entirely absent for at least, week postmens.
- Minor depressive disorder: episodes of at least 2 weeks of depressive symptoms but with fewer than the five items required for major depressive disorder.

- Recurrent brief depressive disorder: depressive episodes lasting from 2 days up to 2 weeks, occurring at least once a month for 12 months (not associated with the menstrual cycle).
- Post psychotic depressive disorder of schizophrenia: a major depressive episode that occurs during the residual phase of schizophrenia.
- A major depressive episode superimposed on delusional disorder, psychotic disorder not otherwise specified or the active phase of schizophrenia
- Situations in which the clinician has concluded that a depressive disorder is present but is unable to determine whether it is primary, due to a general medical condition or substance induced.

#### ADJUSTMENT DISORDER

According to DSM-IV, adjustment disorders are defined as "clinically significant emotional or behavioral symptoms" that develop in response to an identifiable psychosocial stressor or stressors.

#### Diagnostic criteria for adjustment disorder

- A The development of emotional or behavioral symptoms in response to an identifiable stressor(s) occurring within 3 months of the onset the stressor(s)
- B These symptoms or behaviors are clinically significant as evidenced by either of the following:
  - (1) marked distress that is in excess of what would be expected to the stressor
  - (2) significant impairment in social or occupational (academic) functioning
- C The stress-related disturbance does not meet the criteria for another specific Axis I disorder and is not merely an exacerbation of a preexisting disorder
- D The symptoms do not represent bereavement
- E Once the stressor (or its consequences) has terminated, the symptoms do not persist for more than an additional 6 months

The clinical presentation of adjustment disorder can vary widely and can be specified on subtype such as with depressed mood, with anxiety, with mixed anxiety and depressed mood, etc.

#### 2.1.4 MEASURING OF THE CLINICAL STATUS

The coexistence of many measurement scales reflects the divergence of conceptual approaches to depression and also the fact that depression is a syndrome rather than a single entity. No one symptom is diagnostic of depression, and different people exhibit widely different symptoms. Hence a measurement scale has to cover several dimensions, and it is the choice of coverage that distinguishes most rival scales<sup>34</sup>

For the clinical status assessment in depression I adopt Hamilton rating scale for depression (HAM-D) Thai version<sup>35</sup>. With the property of the psychometrics: the Kappa value of the scale was 0.87. The Spearman's correlation coefficient which indicated the validity was- 0.8239 (p <.001). The internal consistency was good (standardized Cronbach's alpha coefficient equal 0.74). HAM-D was an acceptable and widely used measurement for clinical assessment in depression.

The HAM-D is designed to measure severity of illness in patients already diagnosed with depression. For some symptoms it is difficult to elicit enough information from the patient to permit full quantification. In such cases if a symptom is present, score 2; if absent, score 0; and if doubtful or trivial, score 1. For those symptoms where more detailed information can be obtained, the score is expanded; 2 indicated mild symptoms, 3 moderate symptoms and 4 severe symptoms. Therefore, the higher the score, the more severe the depression. For 17-item HAM-D, It is generally agreed that the scores lower than 7 indicate an absence of depression; score of 7 to 12 represent mild; 13 to 17 represent moderate depression; 18 to 29 represent major depression and; 30 or above represent severe depression with psychotic

#### 2.1.5 IMPACT

The most serious complications of a major depressive episode are suicide and other violent acts. Other complications include marital, parental, social and vocational difficulties<sup>36</sup>. The illness, especially in its recurrent and chronic forms, may cause distress for other individuals in the patient's social network, e.g., children, spouse and significant others. If the patient is parent this disorder may affect his or her ability to fulfill parental role expectations<sup>37</sup>. Depressive illness are associated with occupational dysfunction, including unemployment, absteensim, and decrease work productivity<sup>38</sup>. Depression may also complicate recovery from other medical illnesses. According to the medical outcome study depression had a greater adverse impact on individuals than did other chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, arthritis and lung disease, as measured across the dimensions of physical functioning, role functioning, social functioning, number of days in bed due to poor health perceived current health and bodily pain<sup>39</sup> and some evidences suggest that many depressed patients have a concomitant physical conditions such as hypertension, backache, heart problem<sup>40</sup>. This results in a worse prognosis for both the depression and the physical illness and is continuing to worsen quality of life of the patients. The economic impact of depression includes the cost of treatment and the cost of lost productivity due to illness or death.

#### 2.2 SUICIDE

Suicide is derived from the Latin word for "self murder". If successful it is a fatal act that represents the person's wish to die and often called commit suicide or completed suicide. There is a range, however, between thinking about suicide and acting it out. The Edinburg group introduced the term parasuicide to signify that suicide attempt are not just failed suicide but are a very different behavior. According to Mann JJ et 25 and in this study, suicide attempt mean a self destructive act that was sufficiently serious to require medical evaluation and carried out with the intent to end one's life.

#### 2.2.1 EPIDEMIOLOGY

Each year more than 30,000 persons die by suicide in the United States. The number of attempted suicides is estimated to be 650,000. The suicide rate in the United States has averaged 12.5 per 100,000 in the 20 th century, the overall suicide rate remained relatively stable, whereas the rate for 15 to 24 years old has increased two to threefold.

Internationally, suicide rate range from high of more than 25 per 100,000 persons in Scandinavia, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, the Eastern European countries (the so – called suicide belt), and Japan, to fewer than 10 per 100,000 in Spain, Italy, Ireland, Egypt and the Netherlands<sup>42</sup>.

In Thailand, Lotrakul M<sup>43</sup> examined suicide trend during the past two decades and reported that the mean suicide rates for 1977-86 and 1987-96 were 6.4 and 6.7 per 100,000 respectively. In 1996 the highest rates occurs in male age 20 through 24 years (21.7 per 100,000) and in female aged 15 through 19 years (6.6 per 100,000). Bundichate A et al<sup>44</sup> survey mental disorders among Thai people and found that the lifetime prevalence of suicidal attempts is about 1%.

#### 2.2.2 RISK FACTORS

Suicide is usually most accurately viewed as a multidetermined act.

Risk factors for suicide include psychiatric disorder, social factors, psychological factors, biological genetic factor and physical disorder.

# PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS

Highly significant psychiatric factors in suicide include depressive disorder, substance abuse, schizophrenia and other mental disorders. Almost 95% of all persons who commit or attempt suicide have a diagnosed mental disorder. Depressive disorders account for 80% of this figure, schizophrenia accounts for 10 percent and dementia or delirium for 5%. Among all persons with mental disorder, 25% are also alcohol dependent and have dual diagnosis. The suicide risk in persons with depressive disorder about 15 percent. Depression is associated not only with completed suicide but also with serious attempt at suicide.

Depressed patients who seriously attempt suicide more closely resemble suicide victims than they do suicide attempters. Alcoholic person have an increased risk of suicide, with a lifetime suicide risk 2.2 to 3.4 percent.

Depression is probably the most important risk factor for suicide, two thirds of all suicide are committed by people suffering from depressive disorder. Around 21% of patients with recurrent depressive disorders will attempt suicide and, unfortunately, many will die. Other forms of depressive disorder such as dysthymia are associated with only a slightly lower risk of attempted suicide (18%), whereas approximately 11% of patients with mixed anxiety depression disorder, A condition in which the depressive symptoms are not sufficiently distinct to rate a specific diagnosis of depression, will also attempt suicide<sup>45</sup>.

#### COMORBIDITY

Psychiatric comorbidity is defined as the presence of more than one specific disorder in an individual within a specified period. Comorbidity is substantial in the general population. The Epidemiologic Catchment Area study and the National Comorbidity Study, both in the United States, found that 54% and 56% respecitively, of respondents with a life time history of at least one DSM-III-R disorder also met criteria for some others mental disorder. In the National Comorbidity Study more than half (59%) of all 12-month disorders occurred in the 14% of the population with a history of three or more disorders. These subjects were more likely to be female, 15-24 years old, and residents of major metropolitan areas and to have lower income and education attainment levels, compared with subjects without a history of three or more disorders. Comorbidity has major higher service utilization rates than those with pure disorders. Comorbidity has also been linked to more severe symptoms, greater functional disability and longer illness course. In primary health care, comorbidity increases the chances that mental disorders will be recognized and increases the likelihood of receiving treatment.

#### ALCOHOL USE DISORDER

Comorbidity plays an important role; person with alcoholism who have comorbid depressive disorder are at particularly high risk. Workers in St Louis examined the relation of alcoholic suicide to specific life events. Among 31 alcoholic suicides, 48%had lost a loved one during the year before they committed suicide and 32% had experienced such a loss during their last 6 weeks. In this study, loss of a close relationship was the most frequently cited precipitating event; other events include job trouble, financial difficulties, an being trouble with the law<sup>42</sup>.

#### ANXIETY DISORDER

Increased risk of suicide and suicidal attempt have been reported for young people with anxiety disorder. Panic disorder complicates in 15-30% of case. Individual with symptoms of both disorders manifest greater degrees of impairment than do patient with major and risk of suicidal behavior has been controlled for mood disorder, anxiety disorders have not made significant contribution to suicidal risk, suggesting that the observed association between anxiety disorders and suicidal behavior may reflect mood disorder that are frequently comorbid with anxiety disorder.

#### PERSONALITY FACTOR

Personality disorders are conceptualized as the presence of enduring personality traits that are inflexible and maladaptive and cause significant functional impairment or subjective distress.

Studies have generally reported that a very high proportion of individuals diagnosed with major depression also meet criteria for at least one axis II personality disorder. Estimates have ranged from 18% to 95%, although prevalence rate usually fall between 35% and 65%.

Most studies have reported that personality pathology appears to be very common in patients with depression. This suggests that there may be potentially significant treatment implications for these patients nevertheless recently Mudler RT<sup>48</sup> reviewed personality pathology and treatment outcome in major depression and concluded that the presence of a comorbid personality disorder does not appear to worsen outcome for patients with major depression provided that the patients receive good standard treatment for their mood disorder.

It is recognized that patients with borderline and antisocial personality disorders have an increased risk of suicide. Recently the Finnish group reported a psychological autopsy study of suicide victims with personality disorders and found that they were almost always (95 percent) associated with current axis I depressive disorders, substance use disorders, or both. They also reported that 67 of a random sample of 229 suicide victims had an Axis II personality disorder. About one fifth had a cluster B diagnosis (dramatic, emotional or erratic), compared to the estimated prevalence of 4 to 5% in the general population. Ten percent had a cluster C diagnosis (anxious or fearful) and only 1 percent had a cluster A diagnosis (odd or eccentric)<sup>6</sup>.

Dissocial, borderline disorder or higher level of impulsivity in particular are more prevalent in younger suicide victims. In older people the rate of personality disorder is about  $15\%^{49,50}$  with anankastic or anxious traits the most frequent. It is plausible that older people who are less adaptable will cope poorly with the inevitable changes that ageing brings, and may be at increased risk of suicide.

#### SOCIAL FACTORS

The first major contribution to the study of the social and cultural influences on suicide was made at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the French

sociologist E'mile Durkheim. Durkheim devided suicides into three social categories: egoistic, altruistic and anomic. Egoistic suicide applies to those who are not strongly integrated into any social group. The lack of family integration explains why unmarried persons are more vulnerable to suicide than married ones and why couples with children are the best protected group. Altruistic suicide applies to those prone to suicide stemming from their excessive integration into a group, with suicide being the outgrowth of the integration. Anomic suicide applies to persons whose integration into society is disturbed so that they cannot follow customary norms of behavior.

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS

# Freud's Theory

Sigmund Freud stated that suicide represent aggression turned inward against an introjected, ambivalently cathected love object.

# Menninger's Theory

Karl Menninger conceived of suicide as inverted homicide because of a patient's anger toward another person. This retroflexed murder is either turned inward or used as an excuse for punishment. He also described a self-directed death instinct plus three components of hostility in suicide: the wish to kill, the wish to be killed, and the wish to die.

#### Recent Thories

Contemporary suicidologists are not persuaded that a specific psychodynamic or personality structure is associated with suicide. They believe that much can be learned about the psychodynamics of suicidal patients from their families about what would happen and what the consequences would be if they commit suicide. Such fantasies often include wishes for revenge, power, control, or punishment, atonement, sacrifice or restitution; escape or sleep; rescue,

rebirth, reunion with dead; or a new life. The suicidal patients most likely to act out suicidal fantasies may have lost a love object or received a narcissistic injury, may experience overwhelming affects like rage and guilt, or may identify with a suicide victim.

Depressed persons may attempt suicide just as they appear to be recovering from their depression. A suicide attempt can cause a long-standing depression to disappear, especially if it fulfills a patient's need for punishment. Of equal relevance, many suicide patients use a preoccupation with suicide as a way of fighting off intolerable depression and a sense of hopelessness.

#### BIOLOGICAL FACTORS

Diminished central serotonin plays a role in suicidal behavior. A group at the Karolinska Institute were the first to note that low concentrations of the serotonin metabolite 5-hygroxy – indoleacetic acid (5-HIAA) in the lumbar cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) were associated with suicidal behavior and concluded that low CSF-5-HIAA concentration predict short - range suicide risk in the high – risk group of depressed patients who have attempted suicide. Recent studies also report some changes in the noradrenergic system of suicide victims.

Suicidal behavior, like other psychiatric disorders tend to run in families. In psychiatric patients a family history of suicide increases the risk both of attempted suicide and of completed suicide in most diagnostic groups. Results from twin studies show that monozygotic twin pairs have significantly greater concordance for both suicide and attempted suicide, which suggest that genetic factors may play a role in suicidal behavior.

Molecular genetic studies: Tryptophan hydroxylase (TPH) is an enzyme in the biosynthesis of serotonin. A polymorphism in the human TPH gene with two alleles – U and L has been identified. As low concentrations of 5-HIAA in CSF are associated with suicidal behavior, it was hypothesized that such

individuals may have alterations in genes controlling serotonin synthesis and metabolism. It was found that 34 of the 36 violent subjects who attempted suicide had either the UL or LL genotype. Thus, it was concluded that the presence of the L allele was associated with an increased risk of suicide attempts.

#### PHYSICAL DISORDERS

Postmortem studies show that a physical illness is present in 25 to 75% of all suicide victims; a physical illness is estimated to be an important contributing factor in 11 to 51% of suicides. In each instance, the percentage increases with age.

Factors associated with illness and contributing to both suicide and suicidal attempts are loss of mobility especially when physical activity is important to occupation or recreation disfigurement, particularly among women; an chronic intractable pain. In addition to the direct effect of illness, the secondary effects – for example, disruption of relationship and loss of occupational status are prognostic factors.

# 2.3 RELATIONSHIP OF SUICIDE TO STRESSFUL LIFE EVENTS

Since first studied over 30 years ago by Holmes and Rahe <sup>51</sup> stressful life events have been a major focus of psychiatric epidemiology. <sup>52-55</sup> Holmes and Rahe measure the adjustment time needed for 43 life events and major empirical conclusion was that the greater the summed score of life changes or adaptive requirement, the greater the individual's vulnerability or lowering of resistant to disease (here to suicide attempts or completions) and the more serious the diseases that will develop. Note that the Holmes and Rahe's stress test include both positive and negative life events and both socially isolating and socially involving life events.

Recent, severe, stressful life events, for example, the death of a spouse, other profound interpersonal loss or rejection, loss employment, being jailed, or being diagnosed with a terminal illness, may be associated with suicide in vulnerable individuals. The most frequently identified stressors in young suicides are interpersonal loss or conflict, economic problems, legal problems and moving. Some investigators have suggested that the number of recent stressors, rather than their specific nature, may increase the likelihood of suicide.

Stater J & Depue RA<sup>17</sup> have revealed that suicidal attempt experience significantly more loss events immediately before index admission with an increasing frequency of such events during the last month before index admission when compared to non-suicidal attempt.

Paykel ES et al<sup>59</sup> have found that suicidal attempt patients report four times as many events as do subjects from the general population and 1.5 times as many as have been reported by depressed patients during 6 month interval prior to depressive onset. A substantial peak of events occurs within 1 month prior to a suicide attempt. Occurrence of life event such as serious arguments with spouse was reported 19 subjects in suicidal attempter and 8 subjects in depressive controls when 53 suicidal attempt patients age 18 years and over matched with each of 53 depressive controls on age, sex, marital status, social class and race.

Crook Tet al<sup>15</sup> report more chronic interpersonal maladjustment with partner and friends and Sonneck G et al<sup>16</sup> find more marital discord in the history of suicidal attempt compared to non suicidal attempt. Birtchnell J<sup>60</sup> have reported a poorer quality of marriage of suicidal attempt compared to a match control group.

Exposure to the suicidal behavior of others may lead to suicidal behavior in a vulnerable individual. Exposure may include behaviors of family members or peer 61-63 or through the media although the effect of media exposure as a vehicle of

suicide contagion is controversial.  $^{62-64}$  Young people may be at much greater risk from exposure effects than are adult.  $^{65-66}$ 

Beautrais AL et al<sup>67</sup> studied precipitating factors and life events associated with suicide attempts in 129 young people making serious suicide attempts and 153 control subjects using a case-control design and found individual who made serious suicide attempts had elevated rates of life events which were associated principally with interpersonal difficulties, work issues, financial difficulties and legal problem.

Kendler KS et al<sup>68</sup> studied stressful life events interact in the etiology of major depression and noted that the odds ratio for major depression was significantly increased in the month of occurrence of life events such as assault, serious marital problems, divorce, job loss, serious illness, major financial problem. The odds ratio ranged from 2.4 to 20.5. For severe events the odd ratio was 12.2. The odds ratio for job loss was 6.

Interpersonal conflict was noted to be a precipitant in at least 70% of both suicide victims and suicide inpatient. <sup>69</sup>

Motto JA et al<sup>70</sup> found that some predictors of suicide risk in adult hospitalized due to a depressive or suicidal state are threatened financial loss and stress with coefficients 0.674 and 0.676 respectively. Walton HS<sup>71</sup> studied suicidal behavior in depressive illness using case-control design and found that 76.7% of suicidal attempt depressed patients report separation in comparison to 19.6% of non suicidal depression.

Mann JJ et al<sup>25</sup> found that comorbid borderline personality disorder, smoking, past substance use disorder or alcoholism, family of suicidal acts, head injury and childhood abuse history were more frequent in suicide attempters.

Bronisch T et al<sup>18</sup> studied 48 depressive inpatients who had attempted suicide just before admission comparing to 24 depressive inpatients but no history of previous suicide attempt and revealed that alcoholism, suicide attempt in first degree relatives and divorce or seperation of patients' parents predispose for a

depressive reaction associated suicidal behavior. No differences between two groups were found for personality factors, number and quality of life events in the year before index admission. However they concluded that due to the small number of patients in both groups the conclusion drawn are preliminary.

#### 2.4 STUDIES ABOUT SUICIDAL PATIENTS IN THAILAND

Lotrakul M<sup>43</sup> examined suicide trend during the past two decades and reported that the mean suicide rate for 1977-86 and 1987-96 were 6.4 and 6.7 per 100,000 respectively. Hanging was the method most chosen by men whereas women prefered self-intoxicating.

Chinapatanapongsa  $E^{72}$  studied suicidal attempt in age group 15-30 years at Chulalongkorn hospital during 1985 to 1986 and found that most of suicidal attempt patient were female (75%), method used for attempted suicide were drug ingestion 90%. The commonest precipitating cause were marital problem familial problem and love problem. Factors related to attempted suicide were drug addiction (OR = 9.7) previous history of attempts suicide (OR = 7.4) poor familial warmth in childhood marital problem (OR = 26.3) withdrawal habit (OR = 2.3) emotional (OR = 2.1) disport (OR = 2.4) feel hurt (OR = 3.7) and preoccupation (OR = 4.5).

Palitponganpim P et al<sup>73</sup> studied characteristics of suicidal patients admitted at Chiangrai Regional hospital, northern Thailand during January 1994 to June 1997 and found that suicide attempt ratio between female and male are 1.06:1 and there are differences of suicidal attempt behavior between sex, age group, and patients with adjustment disorder and non-adjustment group.

Serisathien P et al<sup>74</sup> studied suicide attempters in governmental hospitals at Rayong province during March – August 1997 using case –control method and found that most of the attempters were 21-45 years old, finished primary

education, married and were employed. Female were more prevalent with female to male ratio of 2.58:1. The demographic factors related to suicide attempts were educational level, total family income and its sufficiency. Factors related suicide attempts were psychiatric illness, drinking, smoking and drinking, smoking when having distress and absence of help-seeking behavior when having distress.

Nilchaikovit T et al $^{75}$  surveyed suicidal ideation of 826 adults in Bangkok and found that one month prevalence was 5.3%. Factors found to be correlated with increased suicidal ideation were being female (OR = 2.05), mental disorder (OR = 14.2), low income group (OR = 2.83), family conflict (OR = 3.54) health problems, negative life events in the past year such as: having family member who is psychiatrically ill, who has serious physical illness, death of family member, and other current life stress such as: marital conflict, conflicts with others.

Trangkasombat U et al<sup>76</sup> studies in the sample of 257 students in grade 7-9 found one-year prevalence of suicidal behavior to be 34.2% (suicidal ideation 24.1% and suicidal attempt 10.1%). The most frequent method was toxic substance ingestion and drug overdose. Depression and some psychosocial stressors are significant risk factors.

Lotrakul M et al<sup>77</sup> studied the nature of stressor, coping pattern and suicidal behavior in twenty patients who attempted suicide at Chiang Rai general hospital in 1999 and found that female subjects' stressors mostly resulted from extramarital affairs of their husband which made them insecure, while male subjects faced with conflict or dispute with their spouse or close relatives.

#### CHAPTER 3

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 RESEARCH DESIGN

#### A matched Case - control study design

To know the relationship between suicidal and some associated factors as predictor in depressed patients is important and useful for preventive strategies and interventions in clinical practice. Although experimental study is the most strongest design in clinical research, it is not ethical to do such design in this issue. And it may be difficult and take a long time in cohort study. Therefore this study will be carried out as case-control study that has advantage on practical, relative simple and cheaper, however the disadvantages of this design that related to possible biases in the comparison of case and controls are awared and considered to minimize. One way to make the cases and controls more comparable is to match for some variable that might confuse the comparison. Matching means that each case is individually paired with a control subject. This study matches case and control for age and gender that are related to both the exposure and the outcome of interest. To minimize the effect of recall bias due to some retrospective information obtained by interviewing the subjects, the sample in this study are patients with first depressive episode (new cases) or recurrent episode if have not received treatment within previous 6 months.

#### 3.2 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.2.1 Population and sample

3.2.1.1 Target population:

patients with depressive disorder

#### 3.2.1.2 Sample population:

patients with depressive disorder at King Chulalongkorn

Memorial hospital who fit to the eligibility criteria

3.2.1.3 Eligibility criteria for the sample to study

#### Inclusion criteria for case:

- 1. Male or female patients aged over 15 years.
- 2. Presenting with suicidal attempt.
- 3. First (single) depressive episode or recurrent depressive episode if have not received treatment within the previous 6 months, with at least 7 scores on Hamilton rating scale for depression

#### Exclusion criteria

- 1. Patients with Schizophrenia
- 2. Patients with Mental retardation
- 3. Patients with Known Organic brain disorder
- 4. Patients who were not cooperated

#### Inclusion criteria for control

- 1. Male or female patients aged over 15 years
- 2. No history of previous suicidal attempt
- 3. First (single) depressive episode or recurrent depressive episode if have not received treatment within the previous 6 months, with at least 7 scores on Hamilton rating scale for depression
- 4. Match with case for age group (15-25, over 25-50, over 50 years old) and gender

Exclusion criteria for control the same as case

#### 3.2.1.4 Sample

Patients with depressive disorder at King Chulalongkorn Memorial hospital in the year 2000 and afterward who fit to the eligible criteria for case and control for the total number of 90 pairs

#### 3.2.2 Sample size determination

This is a case-control design which matches case with control for age and gender. The suitable formula for sample size calculation is

N pair = 
$$(Z_{\alpha}/\psi + 1 + Z_{\beta}/\psi + 1 - (\psi - 1)^2 \Pi_{01})^2 / (\psi - 1)^2 \Pi_{01}$$
  
 $\psi = \Pi_{10}/\Pi_{01}$  (the odds ratio) =  $2.4^{59}$   
 $\Pi_{01}$  = number of pairs that control exposure and case no exposure/total number of pairs in the study =  $8/35 = 0.15$   
specify  $\alpha = 0.05$   
 $Z_{\alpha} = 1.96$   
 $\beta = 0.20$   
 $Z_{\beta} = 0.84$   
N/pair =  $87.7$ 

So that sample size for this study should be about 88 cases matched with 88 controls

#### 3.2.3 Sample selection

This study will include all the patients who are eligible cases and control within the period of study. No sampling technique was used.

#### CHAPTER 4

#### OUTCOME MEASUREMENT, DATA COLLECTION AND DATA ANALYSIS

#### 4.1 OUTCOME MEASUREMENTS

The psychiatric rating scale for primary outcome measurement

### 4.1.1 STRESSFUL LIFE EVENT IN SOCIAL READJUSTMENT RATING SCALE

Information about psychosocial stress were assessed by identifying stressful life events preceding suicidal attempt or depressive episode. Thomas Holmes and Richard Rahe listed 43 life events associated with varying amounts of disruption and stress in average people 's lives for example, the death of spouse, divorce, personal injury or illness, retirement, pregnancy, argument with spouse, mortgage, change in school, violation of the law, etc. Holmes and Rahe's stress test include both positive and negative life events and both socially isolation and socially involving life events. It has been translated and modified to 42 life events for appropriateness with Thai culture. The result of validity and reliability testings are in acceptable level (The coefficient alpha = 0.7). The patient's reporting of stressful life event during 3 months preceding the current suicidal attempt or depressive episode represent presence of current psychosocial stress.

#### The psychiatric rating scales of secondary outcome measurement

#### 4.1.2 HAMILTON RATING SCALE FOR DEPRESSION (HAM-D)

Severity of depression was measured by using Hamilton rating scale for depression. HAM-D is a widely used depression scale. It has been translated and tested in numerous languages in including Thai. The validity and

reliability are in acceptable level. Seventeen items Hamilton depression score are measured on three (0 to 2) or five (0 to 4) point scales and are used in scoring with a total score ranges from 0 to 52 points with rising severity of depression. For HAM-D Thai version, scoring for severity of depression are as follow:

score 7 to 12 represent mild depression
score 13 to 17 represent moderate depression
score 18 to 29 represent major depression
score 30 or above represent more than major depression,
psychotic

#### 4.1.3 SIXTEEN PERSONALITY PROLIFE (16-PF)

This self-report inventory is widely used and thoroughly researched objective personality assessment instrument. The 16-PF questionnaires provide detailed information on 16 primary personality traits to assist professionals in mental health in a wide range of situation. The reliability coefficient was between 0.61 – 0.88, average 0.7. It has been translated and tested in Thai language. Results are interpreted by psychologist. Scores that considered extreme deviant from average score indicate presence of pathology or disorder on that personality profile. The 16 personality profiles are as follow

Profile A : Reserved - out going

Profile B : Low – high intelligence

Profile C : Emotionally instability - stability

Profile E : Submissive – assertive, aggressive

Profile F: Serious – happy

Profile G: Disregards rules – conscientious

Profile H: Shy-venturesome, bold

Profile I: Tough - tender minded

Profile L : Trust - suspicious

Profile M : Practical - imaginative

Profile N : Genuine - astute

Profile O : Self assured – apprehensive

Profile Q1 : Conservative – experimenting

Profile Q2 : Group dependent – self sufficient

Profile Q3 : Undisciplined – self control

Profile Q4: Relaxed - tense

#### 4.1.4 ZUNG SELF-RATING ANXIETY SCALE (ZAS)

The psychiatric rating scale for measuring severity of anxiety. The ZAS is a 20-item rating list that make quantitative assessment of anxiety. The somatic aspects of anxiety are well represented in this scale and the item are assessed in terms of occurrence. Scoring 1 to 4 for frequency of symptom occur in each item. Total score ranges from 20 to 80 points with rising severity of anxiety. In this study the score above 46 points (75th percentile) are classified as presence of comorbid anxiety disorder. The coefficient reliability = 0.82.

#### 4.2 DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE

The patients who presented with suicidal attempt and had clinical of depression and met the eligible criteria for case were conducted clinical diagnostic interview as soon as possible after admission or consultation when consciousness regained. The investigator built good rapport and completed DSM-IV criteria to determine mood syndromes, anxiety disorder, alcohol dependence/abuse, substance dependence/abuse, personality disorder as well as psychosocial stress. Details of their self-harming past psychiatric illnesses and family history were assessed.

The Hamilton rating scale for depression were performed for measuring the severity of depression. The social readjustment rating scale were performed by patients for assessment presence of stressful life event. The sixteen personality

profile and Zung self-rating anxiety scale were also performed by patients and interpreted their results by psychologist.

The depressed patients who met the criteria for control that matched for age and gender were conducted interview, rated HAM-D and evaluated to get information the same as the investigator performed in cases.

Consents were obtained from each patient both in case and control group

#### 4.3 DATA COLLECTION

Patients' baseline data : age, sex, marital status, education level, employment status, history of physical and psychiatric illness, history of substance use, family data, detail of self harming in case group, clinical diagnosis (Appendix)

Stressful life events from social readjustment rating scale (Appendix)

Score from Hamilton rating scale for depression (Appendix)

Score from Sixteen personality profile (Appendix)

Score from Zung self-rating anxiety scale (Appendix)

#### 4.4 DATA ANALYSIS

All test were two-tailed: statistical significance was set at  $\alpha=0.05$ . Descriptive statistics present in proportion with the categorical data and mean with SD for continuous data.

Odds ratio, 95% confidence interval ( $OR_{HM}$ , Mc Nemar test) were determined to show the strength of relationship between suicidal attempt and psychosocial or other associated dichotomous variable.

Regression analysis: conditional logistic regression were used to study the multivariate relationship of potential predictors with suicidal attempt and their relative importance by using computer STATA program.

#### CHAPTER 5

#### **RESULTS**

This study was conducted at King Chulalonkorn Memorial Hospital during June 2000 to March 2002. The sample consisted of 90 cases of depression with suicidal attempt who met the eligibility criteria and 90 depressed patients who never had suicidal attempt and met the criteria for control that matched to cases by age and gender.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS

<u>Part 1</u> To present general characteristics of depressed patients in case and control group about demographic, history of physical and psychiatric illness, clinical diagnosis, detail of self harming in case group, family data, psychosocial stressor, severity of depression, and anxiety level, and personality profile.

Part 2 To present the result of analysis on factors associated with suicidal attempt in depressed patients by determining the number of pairs where the exposures differ in case and control group and calculating odds ratio, confidence interval Mc Nemar's chi-squared and P- value

Part 3 To present the result of multivariate analysis using conditional logistic regression

#### 5.1 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SAMPLE

#### 5.1.1 Characteristics of case and control group on matching variable

The basic patient characteristics about gender and age are shown in table 5.1 The sample consisted of female 75.6% (n = 136) and male 24.4% (n = 44). Eighty patients (44.4%) were in age group of 15 to 25 years, 53.3% (n = 96) in above 25 to 50 years. The mean age were 27.65 years (SD. = 10.57) in cases, 30.12 years (SD. = 10.84) in controls and mean age for total was 28.93 years (SD. = 10.75).

<u>Table 5.1</u> Characteristics of depressed patients with suicidal attempt (N = 90) and never had suicidal attempt (N = 90) on maching variable : gender and age

	Characteristics				ntrol	To	otal
					=90)	(N=180)	
			percent	N	percent	N	percent
Gend	der	12/18/					
	Male	22	(24.4)	22	(24.4)	44	(24.4)
	Female	68	(75.6)	68	(75.6)	136	(75.6)
Age							
	15 – 25 years	40	(44.4)	40	(44.4)	80	(44.4)
	25 – 50 years	48	(53.3)	48	(53.3)	96	(53.3)
	Over 50 years	2	(2.2)	2	(2.2)	4	2.2
	Mean (yrs) <u>+</u> SD *	27.65	<u>+</u> 10.57	30.21	<u>+</u> 10.84	28.93	<u>+</u> 10.75

<sup>\*</sup>SD = Standard Deviation

### 5.1.2 Demographic Characteristics of the patients

<u>Table 5.2</u> Demographic Characteristics of depressed patients with suicidal attempt (N = 90) and never had suicidal attempt (N = 90)

		Case	Co	ontrol	Т	otal
Demographic Characteristics	(N	<mark>1=90</mark> )	(N	I=90)	(N=180)	
	N	percent	N	percent	N	percen
Marital status	Ť					
Single	44	(48.9)	47	(52.2)	91	(50.6)
Married	41	(45.6)	35	(38.9)	76	(42.2)
Widow	1	(1.1)	1	(1.1)	2	(1.1)
Divorce	2	(2.2)	6	(6.7)	8	(4.4)
Other	2	(2.2)	1	(1.1)	3	(1.7)
Religion						
Buddhism	88	(97.8)	90	(100)	178	(98.9
Christ	1	(1.1)	-	-	1	(0.6)
Islam	1	(1.1)		-	1	(0.6)
Residence						
Bangkok	57	(63.5)	55	(61.1)	112	(62.2
Central	18	(20.0)	14	(15.6)	32	(17.8
North – east	9	(10.0)	10	(11.1)	19	(10.6
Other	6	(6.7)	11	(12.2)	17	(9.4)
Education						
No school	4	(4.4)	2	(2.2)	6	(3.3)
Primary school	35	(38.9)	16	(17.8)	51	(28.3
Secondary school	21	(23.3)	24	(26.7)	45	(25.0
University or graduated	30	(33.3)	48	(53.3)	78	(43.3

<u>Table 5.2</u> Demographic Characteristics of depressed patients with suicidal attempt (N = 90) and never had suicidal attempt (N = 90) (continues)

	C	ase	Co	ontrol	Т	otal
Demographic Characteristics	(N	I=90)	(N=90)		(N:	=180)
	N	percent	N	percent	N	percent
Occupation						
Employee	38	(42.2)	30	(33.3)	68	(37.8)
Student	20	(22.2)	24	(26.7)	44	(24.4)
Housewife	10	(11.1)	13	(14.4)	23	(12.8)
Unemployed	16	(17.8)	11	(12.2)	27	(15.0)
Other	6	(6.7)	12	(13.3)	18	(10.1)
Income (bahts per month)						
None	25	(27.8)	37	(41.1)	62	(34.4)
5,000 or lower	33	(36.7)	15	(16.7)	48	(26.6)
5,001 – 10,000	29	(32.3)	24	(26.7)	53	(29.4)
More than 10,000	3	(3.3)	14	(15.6)	17	(9.4)
Financial problem or debt						
Yes	25	(27.8)	12	(13.3)	37	(20.6)
No Monday 156	65	(72.2)	78	(86.7)	143	(79.4)

The characteristics of depressed patients who presented with suicidal attempt and control group who never had suicidal attempt about demographic data such as marital status, religion, residence, level of education, occupation, income and financial problem are summarized in table 5.2. We found that about half of the subjects was single (n = 91, 50.6 %). Most of the subjects were Buddhism (n = 178, 98.9%) residence in Bangkok (n = 112, 62.2%). Nearly half of the subjects (n = 78, 43.3%) were graduated or in university level however there was higher level of education in controls more than in cases. Sixty eight patients (37.8%) were employees and 24.4% (n = 44) were students. With the economic status 34.4% of sample (n = 62) had no income, for cases most of them (n = 62, 68.9%) had income less than 10,000 baht per month but for controls 43.4% (n = 39) had income less than 10,000 baht per month and 41.1% (n = 37) had no income. Considering financial problem or debt we found 20.6% (n = 37) in total sample; 27.8% (n = 25) in cases and 13.3% (n = 12) in controls.



### 5.1.3 Clinical Characteristics of depressed patients in both group

Table 5.3 Clinical Characteristics of depressed patients in case and control group

Clinical Characteristics	Case (N=90)		Control (N=90)		Total (N=180)	
	N	percent	N	percent	N	percen
History of physical illness						
Yes	14	(15.6)	24	(26.7)	38	(21.1
No	76	(84.4)	66	(73.3)	142	(78.9)
History of psychiatric illness						
Yes	14	(15.6)	8	(8.9)	22	(12.2)
No	76	(84.4)	82	(91.1)	158	(87.8)
History of substance use						
Yes	31	(34.4)	11	(12.2)	42	(23.3
Alcohol	26	(28. 9)	7	(7.8)	33	(18.3)
Amphetamine	8	(8.9)	2	(2.2)	10	(5.6)
Other; hypnotic, heroin	2	(2.2)	2	(2.2)	4	(2.2)
No	59	(65.6)	79	(87.8)	138	(76.7
Current substance use						
Always	7	(7.8)	118	<u>اھ-11</u>	7	(3.9)
Seldom	17	(18.9)	4	(4.4)	21	(11.7
No	66	(73.3)	86	(95.6)	152	(84.4

<u>Table 5.3</u> Clinical Characteristics of depressed patients in case and control group (continues)

	C	Case	С	ontrol	Т	otal
Clinical Characteristics	(N	<b>l</b> =90)	(N=90)		(N=180)	
	N	percent	N	percent	N	percent
Duration of current depressive episode		May .				
Less than 2 weeks	25	(27.8)	5	(5.6)	30	(16.6)
2-4 weeks	19	(21.1)	6	(6.7)	25	(13.9)
4-8 weeks	17	(18.9)	7	(7.8)	24	(13.3)
8 – 12 weeks	9	(10.0)	6	(6.7)	15	(8.3)
More than 12 weeks	20	(22.2)	66	(73.3)	86	(47.8)
Current depressive episode						
First	63	(70.0)	79	(87.8)	142	(78.9)
Second	19	(21.1)	11	(12.2)	30	(16.7)
Third or more than	8	(8.9)	-	-	8	(4.5)

About twenty-one% of the patients (n = 38) had history of physical illness such as peptic ulcer, allergy, cardiovascular disease; 15.6% (n = 14) in cases and 26.7% (n = 24) in controls. 12.2% (n = 22) had history of psychiatric illness, commonly depression; 15.6%. (n = 14) in case and 8.9% (n = 8) in controls. Most of the patients (n = 138, 76.7%) denied for history of substance use however we found that 34.4% (n = 31) in cases and 12.2% (n = 11) in controls had ever used substance commonly alcohol and still continued using in one fourth of the cases (n = 24, 26.7%). Additionally, some patients used more than one substance.

Most of the patients (n = 142, 78.9%) had the first depressive episode with duration more than 12 weeks in controls (n = 66, 73.3%) and less than 12 weeks in cases (n = 70, 78.8%). More detailed data concerning their current depressive episode are shown in table 5.3.

#### 5.1.4 Family issue

Table 5.4 contains data about family of depressed patients. About 30% of the study group (n = 53) had problems in their families during childhood such as father and mother divorced or separated or died. We found that father and mother lived together 65.6% in cases (n = 59) and 75.6% in controls (n = 68). Family history of psychiatric illness, alcohol or substance use and suicide were found in 18.9%, 23.3% and 13.3% respectively for cases and in 13.3%, 10% and 4.4% respectively for controls.

<u>Table 5.4</u> Data about family of depressed patients with suicidal attempt (case, N = 90) and without suicidal attempt (control, N = 90)

	C	Case	Co	ontrol	Т	otal
Family Data	(N	I=90)	(N	=90)	(N=180)	
	N	percent	N	percent	N	percent
Family structure in childhood	(i) (1977)	27/4				
Father and mother lived together	59	(65.6)	68	(75.6)	127	(70.6)
Father and mother divorced or separated	16	(17.8)	13	(14.4)	29	(16.1)
Father died	9	(10.0)	8	(8.9)	17	(9.7)
Mother died	5	(5.6)	1	(1.1)	6	(3.3)
Father and mother died	1	(1.1)	-	-	1	(0.6)
Family history of psychiatric illness						
Yes	17	(18.9)	12	(13.3)	29	(16.1)
No	73	(81.1)	78	(86.7)	151	(83.9)
Family history of alcohol or						
substance use						
Yes	21	(23.3)	9	(10.0)	31	(17.2)
No	69	(76.7)	81	(90.0)	149	(82.8)

	Case (N=90)		Control (N=90)		Total (N=180)	
Family Data						
	N	N percent N perce		percent	N	percent
Family history of suicide						
Yes	12	(13.3)	4	(4.4)	16	(8.9)
Relation as parent	2	(2.2)	1	(1.1)	3	(1.7)
Relation as sibling	10	(11.1)	3	(3.3)	13	(7.2)
No	78	(86.7)	86	(95.6)	167	(91.1)

5.1.5 Clinical diagnosis

<u>Table 5.5</u> Principal DSM-IV Diagnosis

Sa.	Case		C	Control		otal
Clinical diagnosis		(N=90)		(N=90)		=180)
0.7	N	percent	N	percent	N	percent
Major depressive disorder	15	(16.7)	15	(16.7)	30	(16.7)
Depressive disorder NOS*	11	(12.2)	31	(39.4)	42	(23.3)
Dysthymia	91	(1.1)	9 11 9	(12.2)	2 12	(6.7)
Mixed anxiety depression	4	(4.4)	19	(21.1)	23	(12.8)
Adjustment disorder with depressed	59	(65.6)	14	(15.6)	73	(40.5)
mood or mixed emotion						

\*NOS: Not Otherwise Specified

As shown in table 5.5 Psychiatric interview and assessment revealed that 40.5% of the study group (n = 73) met the DSM-IV criteria for diagnosis adjustment disorder with depressed mood or mixed emotions, 23.3% (n = 42) for depressive disorder not otherwised specified and 16.7% (n = 30) for major depressive disorder. For cases most of them had adjustment disorder, for controls most of them hade depressive disorder NOS.



#### 5.1.6 Suicidal behavior in case group

Characteristics of suicidal attempts are shown in table 5.6. Most of the cases (n = 84, 93.4%) attempted suicidal by ingestion of drugs or chemical agents. The type of drug used were, namely: peracetamol (n = 34, 37.8%), combined drugs (n= 17, 18.9%), anxiolytics (n = 6, 6.7%). Cleansing agents such as Vim, Vixol, Hiter, detergents were reported by patients for suicidal attempt up to 20%; one third of the subjects (n = 27, 30%) had earlier episode of suicidal attempts.

<u>Table 5.6</u> Characteristics of suicidal attempts among cases (n = 90)

Characteristics	Cases	Percent
	(N = 90)	
Method of presenting attempt		
Drug or agent ingestion	84	93.4
- paracetamol	34	37.8
- drug combination	17	18.9
- Anxiolytics	6	6.7
- Other drugs	5	5.6
- Cleansing agent	18	20.0
- Insecticide	4	4.4
Stab wound	2	2.2
Jumping	2	2.2
Hanging	_ 1 9	1.1
Oil injection	1771176	1.1
Previous suicidal attempt	27	30.0
- one times	20	22.2
- two times or above	7	7.8

#### 5.1.7 Psychosocial stressor

<u>Table 5.7</u> Numbers of suicidal attempt patients and controls reporting current stressful life events

Stressful life event	Case	(N=90)	Control (N=90)		Total	(N=180)
Absence	28	(31.1%)	48	(53.3%)	76	(42.2%)
Presence	62	(68.9%)	42	(46.7%)	104	(57.8%)
Area of life event						
Work	11	(12.2%)	15	(16.7%)	26	(14.4%)
Family	44	(48.8%)	21	(23.3%)	65	(36.1%)
Relationship	49	(54.4%)	28	(31.1%)	77	(42.8%)
Health	6	(6.7%)	11	(12.2%)	17	(9.4%)
Financial	18	(20.0%)	5	(5.6%)	23	(12.8%)
Other	4	(4.4%)	8	(8.9%)	12	(6.7%)

Information about current psychosocial stressor was collected from patients self reporting stressful life events in social readjustment rating scale. 68.9% in case group (n = 62) and 46.7% in control group (n = 42) reported current stressful life events. It was found that stressors about their families and personal relationships were common. However, some patients had problems in more than one areas. More detail are presented in table 5.7.

#### 5.1.8 Severity of depression and anxiety symptoms

<u>Table 5.8</u> Score on severity of depression and comorbid anxiety level in both group

Type of	Ca	se	Control		Total	
measurement	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
HAM – D	16.69	(3.41)	13.59	(3.52)	15.14	(3.79)
(min/max)	9, 27		8, 22		8, 27	
ZAS	40.71	(6.52)	42.57	(7.40)	41.64	(7.02)
(min/max)	25, 56		26, 65		25, 65	
75 <sup>th</sup> percentile					46	

HAM-D; Hamilton depression scale score, ZAS; Zung self-rating anxiety scale

The mean score of clinical status from HAM-D scale were  $16.69 \, (SD=3.41)$  in cases and  $13.59 \, (S.D. 3.52)$  in controls. The mean score of anxiety from Zung self-rating anxiety scale were  $40.71 \, (S.D.=6.52)$  in cases and  $42.57 \, (S.D=7.40)$  in controls, the score of  $75^{th}$  percentile among total group was 46 as shown in table 5.8. There were statistical difference between fair samples for score on severity of depression (t = 6.385, df = 89, p < .0001) however it was not found statistical difference for score on anxiety (t = -1.661, df = 89, p = .1)

### 5.1.9 Personality profile

Table 5.9 Show minimum, maximum and mean score of personality profile among depressed patients with suicidal attempt and never had suicidal attempt

	Case	Control	Total
Personality profile	min-max	min-max	min-max
	(Mean + S.D)	(Mean <u>+</u> S.D)	(Mean <u>+</u> S.D)
A reserved – outgoing	1-8	3-9	1-9
	5.53 <u>+</u> 1.57	5.77 <u>+</u> 1.58	5.65 <u>+</u> 1.57
B low-high intelligence	1-8	1-9	1-9
	4.44 <u>+</u> 2.01	5.82 <u>+</u> 1.47	5.13 <u>+</u> 1.88
C emotionally instability – stability	1-9	1-9	1-9
	3.99 <u>+</u> 1.63	4.44 <u>+</u> 1.82	4.22 <u>+</u> 1.73
E submissive–assertive, aggressive	1-9	1-10	1-9
	4.72 <u>+</u> 1.85	4.52 <u>+</u> 2.00	4.62 <u>+</u> 1.93
F serious – happy	1-8	1-9	1-9
	3.86 <u>+</u> 1.62	4.12 <u>+</u> 2.35	3.99 <u>+</u> 2.02
G disregards rules – conscientious	2-8	1-9	1-9
	4.81 <u>+</u> 1.48	4.68 <u>+</u> 1.84	4.74 <u>+</u> 1.67
H shy-venturesome, bold	1-7	1-9	1-9
	4.89 <u>+</u> 1.36	4.27 <u>+</u> 1.84	4.58 <u>+</u> 1.64
I tough – tender minded	2-9	1-8	1-9
	5.40 <u>+</u> 1.76	5.39 <u>+</u> 1.61	5.39 <u>+</u> 1.68
L trust – suspicious	2-10	1-10	1-10
	6.69 <u>+</u> 1.98	6.35 <u>+</u> 2.42	6.52 <u>+</u> 2.21
M practical – imaginative	1-8	1-7	1-8
	4.3 <u>+</u> 1.63	3.62 <u>+</u> 1.43	3.96 <u>+</u> 1.57

Table 5.9 Show minimum, maximum and mean score of personality profile among depressed patients with suicidal attempt and never had suicidal attempt (continues)

	Case	Control	Total
Personality profile	min-max	min-max	min-max
	(Mean <u>+</u> S.D)	(Mean <u>+</u> S.D)	(Mean <u>+</u> S.D)
N genuine – astute	3-10	3-10	3-10
	7.28 <u>+</u> 1.54	6.82 <u>+</u> 1.61	7.05 <u>+</u> 1.59
O self assured – apprehensive	3-10	2-10	2-10
	7.23 <u>+</u> 1.52	7.23 <u>+</u> 1.69	7.23 <u>+</u> 1.60
Q1 conservative – experimenting	2-9	1-10	1-10
	5.95 <u>+</u> 1.57	5.89 <u>+</u> 1.66	5.92 <u>+</u> 1.62
Q2 group dependent – self sufficient	3-10	1-10	1-10
	6.50 <u>+</u> 1.62	6.22 <u>+</u> 1.67	6.36 <u>+</u> 1.65
Q3 undiscipline – self control	1-8	1-10	1-10
	4.94 <u>+</u> 1.62	4.81 <u>+</u> 1.98	4.88 <u>+</u> 1.80
Q4 relaxed – tense	4-10	3-10	3-10
	6.69 <u>+</u> 1.34	6.86 <u>+</u> 1.45	6.78 <u>+</u> 1.40

From table 5.9 found that in each personality profile, the mean score in both case and control group were not considered extreme deviant from average scores

### 5.2 Relationship between suicidal attempt and associated dichotomous variables

This section is to determine the effect of each factor on suicidal attempt. The independent factors including marital status, level of education, occupation, income, financial debt, history of physical and psychiatric illness, history of substance use, presence of psychosocial stressor, severity of depression categorized by HAM-D score, presence of anxiety disorder, presence of personality pathology were separately test for their association. For dichotomous predictor, odds ratio is an appropriate measure of association. The factor shown associated with suicidal attempt were later included in a multivariate analysis.

# 5.2.1 Relationship between demographic data and suicidal attempt in depressed patients.

Table 5.10 Results of a matched case-control study for demographic variables

	13			Crude			
Variable	Nur	mber of p	pairs	odds	95%	McNemar'	P-
					CI	s	value
				ratio		$\chi^2$	
6	กาบ	1711	8191	รกา	5		
Marital status	Ca	ase	Total				
Control	Marrie	Other	JNA				
	d						
Married	23	12	35	1.5	.68 -	1.2	.27
Other	18	37	55		3.41		
Total	41	49	90				

<u>Table 5.10</u> Results of a matched case-control study for demographic variables (continues)

				Crude			
Variable	Nu	mber of pa	irs	odds ratio	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
Education	Ca	ase	Total				
	No or	secondary					
Control	Primary	School					
	School	or above					
No or primary school	12	6	18	4.5	1.82-	13.36	.0003*
Secondary school or	27	45	72		13.33		
above							
Total	39	51	90				
<u>Occupation</u>	Case		Total				
	Unem-	Other					
Control	p <mark>lo</mark> yed						
Unemployed	4	7	11				
Other	12	67	79	1.71	.62 -	1.32	.36
Total	16	74	90		5.14		
Income	Ca	ase	Total				
Control	5000 or	Above					
ลก	- Lower	5000					
5000 bahts or lower	37	15	52	1.4	.69 -	, 1	.32
Above 5000 bahts	21	17	38		2.92		
Total	58	32	90				
<u>Financial debt</u>	Ca	ase	Total				
control	Yes	No					
Yes	- 5	7	12				
No	20	58	78	2.86	1.16 – 8	6.26	.019*
Total	25	65	90				

From table 5.10 Among a total of 90 pairs of depressed patient, number of pairs that case had low level of education but control did not have (n = 27) when compared with number of pairs that control had but case did not have (n = 6), so the odds ratio in simply 27/6 = 4.5. Case were 4.5 times more likely to have low level of education than control (95% confidence interval 1.82 to 13.33) and this is statistically significant (p - value = 0.0003). Additional we found that case were 2.86 time more likely to have financial debt than control (95% CI: 1.16 to 8, p = .019). However, we did not find statistically significant between suicidal attempt and marital status, occupation or patient's income

# 5.2.2 Relationship between clinical characteristics and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

Table 5.11 Results of a matched case-control study for clinical characteristics

				ratio		X <sup>2</sup>	
illness	Case		Total				
Control Ha	ve N	No					
Have 7		17	24	.41	.14 –	4.17	.06
No 7	7 [	59	66		1.04		
Total 1	4	76	90				
History of psychiatric							
illness	Case		Total				
Control Ha	ve N	No					
Have 1	I	7	8	1.86	.69-5.5	1.8	.26
No 1	3 6	69	82				
Total 1	4	76	90				

<u>Table 5.11</u> Results of a matched case-control study for clinical characteristics (continues)

				Crude			
Clinical characteristics	Num	ber of p	airs	odds	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
		AM	M.	ratio		$\chi^2$	
History substance use	Cas	е	Total				
Control	Have	No					
Have	5	6	11	4.33	1.74 -	12.5	.0005*
No	26	53	79		12.87		
Total	31	59	90				
History alcohol use	Cas	e	Total				
Control	Have	No					
Have	2	5	7	4.8	1.8 -	12.45	.0005*
No	24	59	83		16.1		
Total	26	64	90				
Current depressive							
episode	Cas	e	Total				
Control	recurrent	first					
Recurrent	7	4	11	5	1.68-	10.67	.001*
First	20	59	79		20.12		
Total	27	63	90				

From table 5.11 depressed patients with suicidal attempt were 4.33 times more likely to have history of substance use than control (95% CI; 1.74 to 12.87, p-value = .0005) and 4.8 times more likely to have comorbid alcohol use disorder than depressed patients who never had suicidal attempt (95% CI; 1.8 to 16.1, p-value = .0005). Regarding current depressive episode, it was found that depressed patients with suicidal attempt were 5 times more likely to have recurrent depressive episode than control (95% CI; 1.68 to 20.12, p-value = .001).

# 5.2.3 Relationship between family issue and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

In this study, we did not find statistically significant association between suicidal attempt and family history of psychiatric illness or suicide. We also did not find in association with family structure in childhood including early parental death before patient's age of 5 years. However it was found that depressed patients with suicidal attempt were 2.5 times more likely to have family history of alcohol or substance use than control (95% CI; 1.05 to 6.56, p-value = .036) as shown in table 5.12.

<u>Table 5.12</u> Results of a matched case-control study for family issue

		Crude			,
Family issue	Number of pairs	odds	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
		ratio		$\chi^2$	

Family structure in childhood; father and mothers did not live together

	C	ase	Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	7	15	22	1.6	.81 -	2.08	.2
No	24	44	68		3.28		
Total	31	59	90				

Family history of psychiatric illness

	Ca	se	Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	4	8	12	1.625	.624 -	1.19	.383
No	13	65	78		4.52		
Total	17	73	90				

<u>Table 5.12</u> Results of a matched case-control study for family issue

				Crudo			
				Crude odds	050/		Б
Family issue	Nun	Number of pairs			95%	McNemar'	P-
					CI	S	value
				ratio		$\chi^2$	
Family history of a	lcohol or s	ubstance	euse				
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	1	8	9	2.5	1.05-	5.14	.036*
No	20	61	81		6.56		
Total	21	69	90				
Family history	of suicide	666600					
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No	_				
Yes	0	4	4	3	.9-	4	.077
					12.76		
No	12	74	86				
Total	12	78	90				

### 5.2.4 Relationship between psychosocial stressor and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

<u>Table 5.13</u> Outcome of suicidal attempt patients and matched control reporting current stressful life event

				Crude			
Presence of stressful	Number of pairs			odds	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
life event				ratio		$\chi^2$	
	Case		Total				
Control	Exposed	No					
Exposed	32	10	42	3	1.43-	10	.0016*
No	30	18	48		6.88		
Total	62	28	90				

From table 5.13, among a total of 90 pairs of depressed patients, 30 pairs that cases exposured to stressful life event but control did not when compared to 10 pairs that control exposured but case did not. Cased were 3 times more likely to exposure to current stressful life event than control (95% CI:1.43 to 6.88, p-value = .0016). Regarding the type of stressful life events, we found that there were statistically significant between suicidal attempt and argument with spouse (odds ratio = 11.33, 95% CI: 3.56 to 57.67, p-value < .0001) and small mortgage (odds ratio = 5.5, 95% CI: 1.2 to 51.08, p-value = .023) as shown in table 5.14. these findings from measurement with life events in social readjustment rating scale are corresponded to findings about area of psychosocial problem from interview, that are, there were statistically significant on family problem (odds ratio = 2.07, 95% CI: 1.08 to 4.12, p-value = .0183), relationship problem (odds ratio = 12.67, 95% CI: 4.02 to 64.15 p-value < .0001) and financial problem (odds ratio = 3.25, 95% CI: 1.0041 to 13.68, p-value = .049) as shown in table 5.15

<u>Table 5.14</u> Stressful life events assessed by social readjustment rating scale among case and control group

Life events	Num	Number of pa		Odds ratio		McNemar's	P-value
Argument with spouse				Tatio			
	Case		Total				
Control	Exposed	No					
Exposed	5	3	8	11.33	3.56-	25.97	<.0001*
No	34	48	82		57.67		
Total	39	51	90				
Small mortgage							
	Cas	se	Total				
Control	Exposed	No	111111111111111111111111111111111111111				
Exposed	1	2	3	5.5	1.20-	6.23	0.023
No	11	76	87		51.08		
Total	12	78	90				

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<u>Table 5.15</u> Area of psychosocial problem from clinical interview among case and control group

Area of psychosocial Problem	Nui	mber of p	oairs	Odds ratio	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
Work		s. Andre	lb. a.				
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No	-				
Yes	1	10	11	.9	.32-	.05	.82
No	9	70	79		2.46		
Total	10	80	90				
Family							
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	9	15	24	2.07	1.08-	5.57	.0183*
No	31	35	66		4.12		
Total	40	50	90				
Social							
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No	_				
Yes	0	_1	1	1	.01-	.00	1
No	1	88	89		78.49		
Total	1	89	90				
Relationship							
	Ca	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No	-				
Yes	7	3	10	12.67	4.02	29.88	<.0001*
No	38	42	80		64.15		
Total	45	45	90				

<u>Table 5.15</u> Area of psychosocial problem from clinical interview among case and control group (continues)

Area of psychosocial	Number of pairs			Odds	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
Problem				ratio		$\chi^2$	
Health							
	Case		Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	1	5	6	.6	.09-	.5	.73
No	3	81	84		3.08		
Total	4	86	90				
Financial							
	Case		Total				
Control	Yes	No	(-)111111111111111111111111111111111111				
Yes	0	4	4	3.25	1.004-	4.76	.049*
No	13	73	86		13.68		
Total	13	77	90				
Learning							
	Case		Total				
Control	Yes	No	ายบร				
Yes	0	5	5	.6	.09-3.08	.5	.73
No	3	82	85				
Total	3	87	90				

# 5.2.5 Relationship between severity of depression and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

<u>Table 5.16</u> Result of a matched case-control study on severity of depression

Severity of depression	Number of pairs			Odds ratio	95% CI	McNemar's $\chi^2$	P-value
	Case		Total				
	Severe	Mild to					
Control		moderate					
Severe	8	7	15	3.14	13 -	7.76	.0081*
Mild to moderate	22	53	75		8.7		
Total	30	60	90				

For the clinical status assessment in severity of depression, Hamilton depression scale (HAM-D) was used. We found that 33.3%(n= 30) in case group and 16.7%(n = 15) in control group had HAM-D score in severe level. Among a total of 90 pairs of depressed patients, 22 pairs that cases had severe depression but control did not whereas 7 pairs that control had but cases did not. Cases were 3.14 times more likely to have depression in severe score than control (95% CI: 1.3 to 8.7, p value = .0081) as shown in table 5.16.

#### 5.2.6 Relationship between personality factors and suicidal attempt

<u>Table 5.17</u> Crude odds ratio of each personality profile

Personality profile	Odds	95% CI	McNemar's	p-value
	ratio		Chi 2	
A reserved – outgoing	1	.23-4.35	0.00	1.0
B low-high intelligence	9.33	2.88-47.97	20.16	<.0001*
C emotionally instability – stability	1.69	.82-3.66	2.31	.13
E submissive-assertive, aggressive	0.8	.39-1.62	0.44	0.5
F serious – happy	0.96	.51-1.79	0.02	0.88
G disregards rules – conscientious	0.71	.34-1.45	1.00	0.32
H shy-venturesome, bold	0.36	.158	7.5	.006*
I tough – tender minded	1.71	.62-5.14	1.32	.25
L trust – suspicious	4	.80-38.67	3.6	.058
M practical – imaginative	.37	.1872	10.08	.0015*
N genuine – astute	.33	.01-4.15	1	.32
O self assured – apprehensive	.25	.01-2.53	1.8	.18
Q1 conservative – experimenting	.33	.03-1.86	2	.16
Q2 group dependent – self sufficient	.5	.01-9.6	.33	.56
Q3 undiscipline – self control	.77	.30-1.9	.39	.53
Q4 relaxed – tense	0	0-2.42	3	.08

Personality factor were measured with sixteen personality profile and interpreted the results by psychologist. In this study we found that most of personality profile were not statistically significant in association with suicidal attempt in depressed patients except less intelligent (odds ratio = 9.33, 95% IC : 2.88-47.97, p-value < .0001) however cases less likely than controls to be personality as shy (OR = 0.36 95% CI = 0.15-0.8 p-value = .006) or practical (OR = 0.37 95% CI : 0.18- to .72 p-value = .0015). More details are shown in table 5.17-5.20.

<u>Table 5.18</u> Number of pairs and result of personality factor B: less intelligence

	C	Case		Odds	95% CI	P-value
Control	Exposed	unexposed		Ratio		
Exposed	3	3	6	9.33	2.88-47.97	<.0001*
Unexposed	28	56	84			
Total	31	59	90			

<u>Table 5.19</u> Number of pairs and result of personality factor H: shy

	Case		Total	Odds	95% CI	P-value
Control	Exposed	unexposed		Ratio		
Exposed	7	25	32	.36	.158	.006*
Unexposed	9	49	58			
Total	16	74	90			

<u>Table 5.20</u> Number of pairs and result of personality factor M: practical

7	C	Case	Total	Odds	95% CI	P-value
Control	Exposed	unexposed		Ratio		
Exposed	11	35	46	.37	.1872	.0015*
Unexposed	13	31	44			
Total	24	66	90			

5.2.7 Relationship between comorbid anxiety disorder and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

Table 5.21 Result of a matched-case-control study on comorbid anxiety disorder

Comorbid anxiety disorder	Nur	mber of p	pairs	Odds ratio	95% CI	McNemar's	P-value
	Са	ise	Total				
Control	Yes	No					
Yes	2	25	27	.56	.27-1.12	3.10	.07
No	14	49	63				
Total	16	74	90				

Zung self-rating anxiety scale was used to measure anxiety level. The score above 75 percentile represent presence of comorbid anxiety disorder

From table 5.21 among a total of 90 pairs of depressed patient, 14 pairs that cased had comorbid anxiety disorder but control did not whereas 25 pairs that control had but cases did not. We did not find statistically significant in relationship between comorbid anxiety disorder and suicidal attempt (p = .07)



#### 5.3 MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

A conditional logistic regression analysis was performed to derive a bestfitting model to predict the suicidal attempt from the sociodemographic and clinical variable included in table 5.10 to 5.21.

Using conditional maximum likelihood estimation to fit a logistic model that contains main effect when the data were matched on gender and age group, several possible exposures and variables that shown the crude odds ratio from univariate analysis are considered.

I try to test the multi conditional logistic regression by using the backward stepwise method to give the fit model then come to enter method to have the final model. Interaction effect was considered and adjusted. The result was shown in table 5.22.

Table 5.22 Conditional maximum likelihood estimation of an appropriate logistic model for analyzing the relationship between variable and suicidal attempt in depressed patients

Variable	Coefficient ( $oldsymbol{eta}$ )	P-value	Odds ratio	95% CI
History of substance use	1.15	.019	3.17	1.21 to 8.32
Educational level	1.1	.025	3.01	1.15 to 7.9
Presence of stressful	1.04	.009	2.82	1.29 to 6.15
life event				

The factors show in the equation to give the predictive for suicidal attempts in depressed patients were

- 1. history of substance use
- 2. education level
- 3. presence of stressful life event

#### CHAPTER 6

#### SUMMARY, DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATION

#### 6.1 SUMMARY OF THE STUDY

This study aims to examine suicidal attempt in depressed patients in relation to psychosocial stress, severity of depression, the presence of personality disorders, comorbid condition and other associated factors and to identify the factors that can predict suicidal attempt in depressed patient population.

A matched case-control study was used to study the relationship between suicidal attempt and some associated factors as predictor in depressed patients. This study matched case and control for age and gender that were related to both the exposure and the outcome of interest. This study had been conducted at King Chlualongkorn Memorial hospital since 2000, collecting 90 eligible cases and 90 controls.

Psychiatric diagnosis with DSM-IV criteria, details of self harming, psychosocial stress factors and history of illness were assessed. The Hamilton rating scale for depression (HAM-D) were performed for measuring the severity of depression. Information on stressful life events was collected from administering the social readjustment rating scale assessment. The sixteen personality profile as well as Zung self-rating anxiety scale were performed.

The sample consisted of female 75.6% (n = 136) and male 24.4% (n = 44). The mean age were 27.65 years (SD = 10.57) in case, 30.12 years (SD = 10.84) in control and for total was 28.93 years (SD = 10.75). The method employed for suicidal attempt in case was ingestion of drug or chemical agents (93.4%). Psychiatric assessment revealed that 40.5% (n = 73) had adjustment disorder and 23.3% (n = 42) had depressive disorder not otherwise specified. For case most of them were adjustment disorder, for controls were depressive

disorder NOS. It was found that 68.9% in case group (n = 62) and 46.7% in control group (n = 42) reported current stressful life events. The mean score of clinical status from HAM-D scale were 16.69(SD = 3.41) in cases and 13.59 (SD = 3.52) in control. The mean score of anxiety from Zung self-rating anxiety scale were 40.71 (SD = 6.52) in case and 42.57 (SD = 7.40) in control.

There were some factors showing the association to suicidal attempt in depressed patients at the significant level of 0.05 Cases were more likely than controls to have current psychosocial stress (OR = 3, 95% CI = 1.43 to 6.88), severe depression (OR = 3.14, 95% CI = 1.3 to 8.7), recurrent depressive episode (OR = 5, 95%/CI = 1.68, to 20.12), history of substance use (OR = 4.33, 95% CI = 1.74 to 12.87), family history of alcohol or substance use (OR = 2.5, 95% CI = 1.05 to 6.56), financial problem (OR = 2.86, 95% CI = 1.16 to 8), lower level of education (OR = 4.5, 95% CI = 1.82 to 13.33) and personality profile that showed low intelligence (OR = 9.33, 95% CI = 2.88 to 47.97).

Multivariate analysis was performed to examine which factors would have some association or predictor of suicidal attempt in depressed patients from the sociodemographic and clinical variable included in table 5.10 to 5.21. A description of the result model is presented in table 5.22. Each made a significant independent contribution to the prediction of suicidal attempt. The following three factors were statistically significant associated with suicidal attempt: history of substance use (OR = 3.17, 95% CI = 1.21 to 8.32, p = .019), lower level of education (OR = 3.01, 95% CI = 1.15 to 7.9, p = .025), and presence of stressful life event (OR = 2.82, 95% CI = 1.29 to 6.15, p = .009).

#### 6.2 DISCUSSION

Regarding demographic characteristics 75.6% of suicidal attempt patients in this study were female. The finding is consistent with other reports that women are 3-4 times more likely to attempt suicide than men. <sup>78,79</sup> A review of the world

literature showed that attempted suicide rates varied between 100 and 300 per 100,000; there was a preponderance of female in all countries: about 50 percent of attempt were under 30 years of age; there were an excess of divorced person; the lower social classes were over represented. In this study, 44.4% were in age group of 15 to 25 years and mean age under 30 years. However, most of patients were single or married, a small number were divorced, this may be due to the Thai culture value that divorce is a big issue and often it is too difficult to make decision. About half of suicidal attempt patients had educational level as secondary school or graduated and employed.

Ingestion of drug or chemical agents resulting in self poisoning was the most common method for suicidal attempt. The finding was similar to other studies. Regarding type of drug used; some studies report that insecticide and agents used in agriculture were common whereas we found that paracetamol was the most common. It may be due to this study was conducted in urban area. Although it may count as nonviolent method, paracetamol overdose may cause hepatotoxicity and lead to other serious complications. Availability of paracetamol from over the counter should be paid more attention to prevent suicide. Cleansing agents such as Vim, Vixol, Hiter, detergents were reported by patient for suicidal attempt up to 20%. These also cause medical complication such as corrosive esophagitis which may be followed by stricture. Moreover, one third of the patients had previous history of suicidal attempt and most of them used the same method.

Some studies<sup>6</sup> report that about 40% of attempters have made a previous attempt. Follow-up studies show that between 13 and 35% will repeat the attempt during the next 2 years. During this time up to 7% will make two or more attempts, 2.5% three or more attempts, and 1%, five or more attempts. Seventy percent of the attempters who ultimately completed suicide died by methods similar to those used in their initial attempt, and the remainder used a more lethal method. Suicide due to drug overdoses in England and Wales decreased in the 20 or so years prior to 1990. Reduced exposure to lethal methods are responsible for the fall in

rate in both genders, while the gender difference in favour of women may be related to their preference for non-violent methods or to their being less affected by the social changes. Among over-the-counter drugs, aspirin and paracetamol are commonly found. Paracetamol appears to have replaced salicylates not only as a widely used analgesic in both genders but also as a very effective method of suicide both alone and in combination with other drugs. From September 1998, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain limited the size of packs of aspirin or paracetamol to 32 tablets or capsules. Although this has been shown to have reduced the amount taken in single overdoses it remains to be seen whether this will be effective in reducing attempted or completed suicide for these drugs. Nevertheless, concerning about these findings may have some benefit for preventing suicidal attempt.

# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUICIDAL ATTEMPT AND CURRENT PSYCHOSOCIAL STRESS IN DEPRESSED PATIENTS

Evidence from studies suggests that : (i) among those making suicidal attempt there is a high rate of exposure to recent stressful life events and adverse circumstances and (ii) exposure to such events is associated with significant increases in rates of suicidal behaviors. These studies have reported elevated rates of a range of life stresses in the period preceding suicide and suicidal attempts. For example, OR estimates of the association between life events and suicidal attempts range from 1.3 to 15.8 (median = 4) suggesting that recent stresses make a moderate contribution to suicidal attempt risk.

In this study we also found that there were some relationship between suicidal attempt and current psychosocial stress in depressed patients. Cases were three time more likely than control to have stressful life event during 3 months preceding attempted suicide (OR = 3, 95% CI = 1.43 to 6.88, p value = .0016). It was found that stressors about their families and personal relationship were common. We found that there were statistically significant association between suicidal

attempt and argument with spouse (OR = 11.33, 95% CI = 3.56 to 57.67) and small mortgage (OR = 5.5, 95% CI = 1.2 to 51.08) as shown in table 5.13. These finding from measurement with life events in social readjustment ratings scale are corresponded to finding about area of psychosocial problem from clinical interview, that are, there were statistically significant on family problem (OR = 2.07, 95% CI = 1.08 to 4.12), relationship problem (OR = 12.67, 95% CI = 4.02 to 64.15) and financial problem (OR = 3.25, 95% CI = 1.004 to 13.68).

These results are consistent with other studies. 6,67,81 The circumstances surrounding a suicide attempt invariably involve recent life change, particularly interpersonal stress. Roy A<sup>6</sup> noted that suicide attempters report five particular events significantly more frequently than controls : serious argument with the spouse, having a new person in the home, serious illness of a family member, serious personal physical illness, and having to appear as a defendant in court. Lotrakul M et al" studied the nature of stressors in twenty adults who attempted suicide and found that female subject's stressors mostly resulted from extramarital affairs of their husband while a majority of the male subjects faced with conflict or dispute with their spouse or close relatives. Nilchaikovit T et al found that factors correlated with increased suicidal ideation were negative life events in the past years and current life stress such as marital conflict, conflict with others. Koivumaa Honkanen H et al<sup>89</sup> noted that life dissatisfaction has a long term effect in the risk of suicide and this seems to be partly mediated through poor health behaviors. Nevertheless, legal problems and stress about physical illness were found less common and no association with suicidal attempt in depressed patient in this study. This may be due to physical illness stressor were found more often among suicide over 30 years old<sup>6</sup> but in this study most of them were young. Therefore help should be aimed at improving stress from marital or relationship problem, life skills and positive coping skills should be promoted.

Financial difficulties related to suicidal attempt although a small number of patients were unemployed. It may be explained by most of them had low income;

about 90% had income less than 10,000 baht per month, some had financial debt and economic crisis in Thailand since 1997 may have some impact on their work and finance.

# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUICIDAL ATTEMPT AND SEVERITY OF DEPRESSION IN DEPRESSED PATIENTS

A large number of studies have reported that people with mood disorders have markedly increased risks of suicide with OR estimates ranging from 11 to 27 (median = 12)<sup>82</sup> and of suicidal attempt (OR estimates ranging from 7 to 28, ,median = 13). Major depressive disorder is considerable to be high risk for suicide. In this study although case and control had equal number for clinical diagnosis of major depressive disorder, we found that depressed patients who attempted suicide had mean score in HAM-D higher than control (Table 5.8) and there are association between severe depression and suicidal attempt (OR = 3.14, 95% CI = 1.3 to 8.7).

Evaluating depressed patients by using tools for measuring severity of depression such as HAM-D beside diagnosis from clinical interview may be helpful for suicidal precaution or pay more attention for suicidal risk especially to general practitioners.

# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUICIDAL ATTEMPT AND RECURRENT DEPRESSIVE EPISODE

Patients who are experiencing at least a second episode of depression are classified in DSM-IV as having depressive disorder, recurrent. Although some people have only a single episode of major depressive disorder, with full return to premorbid functioning, it is estimated that from 50% to 80% of the people who have such an episode will eventually have another episode, at which time the illness will meet the criteria for recurrent depressive disorder. The course of recurrent

depressive disorder is variable. Some people have episode separated by many years of normal functioning, others have clusters of episodes, and still others have increasingly frequent episodes as they grow older. Around 21% of patients with recurrent depressive disorders will attempt suicide and unfortunately many will die $^{45}$ . In this study, it was found that 30% of suicidal attempt patients had recurrent depressive episode and there were statistically significant association between suicidal attempt and recurrent depressive episode (OR = 5, 95% CI = 1.68 to 20.12). Therefore suicidal prevention through proper management for recurrent depressive episode is a great importance.

Major depressive disorder is not a benign disorder. It tend to be chronic, and patients tend to relapse. Recurrence of major depressive episodes are also common. About 25% of patients experience a recurrence in the first 6 months after release from a hospital, about 30% to 50% in the first 2 years and about 50% to 75% in 5 years. The incidence of relapse is lower than these figures in patients who continue prophylactic psychopharmacological treatment and in patients who have only one or two depressive episodes. Generally, as a patient experiences more depressive episodes, the time between the episodes decreases and the severity of each episode increases. Risk factors for recurrence of major depressive disorder include multiple prior depressive episodes, incomplete recoveries from prior episodes, severe, chronic, presence of additional nonaffective psychiatric diagnosis or chronic general medical disorder, lack of self confidence, age and loss events.

Regarding outpatient treatment, most depressed suicidal patients has a history of therapy; however, less than half were receiving psychiatric treatment at the time of suicide. Of those who were in treatment, studies have shown that it was less than adequate. For example, most patients who received antidepressants were prescribed subtherapeutic doses of the medication. Some studies<sup>6,95</sup> found that only 3% of depressed suicide victims had received antidepressants in adequate dosage, 7% had received weekly psychotherapy and 3% had

undergone electroconvulsive therapy. Men had more often used violent suicide methods. Thus, the Finnish workers concluded that for suicide prevention in major depressive disorder, great improvement in treatment and follow-up are required. Optimal treatment strategies should induce full remission, maintain long term recovery to ensure against relapse or prevent recurrence and be effective in treating depression and comorbid disorders.

# RELATIONSHIP OF SUICIDAL ATTEMPT AND PERSONALITY FACTOR IN DEPRESSED PATIENTS

A high proportion of those who commit suicide have various associated personalities difficulties or disorder. Having a personality disorder may be a determinant of suicidal behavior in several ways: by predisposing to major mental disorder like depressive disorder or social adjustment; by precipitating undesired life events; by impairing the ability to cope with a mental or physical disorder; and by drawing persons into conflicts with those around them including family members

Certain personality traits have often been cited as predisposing factors in suicidal behavior. Studies have examined association between risk of suicide and suicidal attempt in young people and the following traits: low self esteem; external locus of control; hopelessness; introversion; neuroticism; impulsivity; recklessness; aggression and impulsive violence; passive, dependent, oral, obsessive and hysterical personality traits; state and trait anxiety and anger; an aggrieved attitude; social inadequacy; and diminished cognitive attitude; social inadequacy; and diminished cognitive ability to evaluate the consequences of one's actions. 85,96-98

In this study we found that personality profile that showed less intelligence was statistically significant in association with suicidal attempt in depressed patients (OR = 9.33, 95% CI = 2.88-47.97, P<.0001) and cases were less likely than controls to be personality as shy or practical. It is plausible that these patients are less

adaptable due to less intelligence and cope poorly with stress or undesired life events so may be at increased risk of suicide.

Nevertheless there are some difficulties in examining the contribution of personality traits to suicide attempt risk. These difficulties include the argument that:

(i) self reports of personality characteristics may be contaminated by current mental state factors, in particular, depression; (ii) personality characteristics might be less clearly apparent among young people, than in older individuals; (iii) among young people, it may be difficult to differentiate, diagnostically, between behaviors which represent mental disorders and those which emerging personality characteristics to determine the extent of comorbidity between those two set of risk factors. There is a strong need for all of these issues to be addressed in further research using rigorously designed controlled and longitudinal studies.

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUICIDAL ATTEMPT AND COMORBID CONDITIONS

#### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Substance use disorder are also linked with suicide, with a series of studies yielding OR estimates ranging from 3.3 to 10.7 (median = 5.5). 99 Similar trends have been found for suicide attempt behavior and aspects of substance abuse, with studies yielding OR ranging from 1.7 to 11.5 (median = 5.4). We found that depressed patients with suicidal attempt were 4.33 times more likely to have history of substance use than control (95% CI: 1.74 to 12.87) and 4.8 times more likely to have comorbid alcohol use disorder (95% CI = 1.8 to 16.1). Suokas J and Lonnqvist  $J^{100}$  have shown that increased alcohol use during an initial attempt predicts increased risk of suicide. This emphasizes the importance of alcohol and its effect on mood and impulse control for decision making. Therefore, for those with concurrent substance abuse /dependence and depressive disorder, the most important early psychiatric intervention may be immediate recognition an appropriate treatment for both their affective and substance use disorder.

#### ANXIETY DISORDER

Comorbid psychiatric disorders may be important as contributing risk factors to suicide in individuals, but this study provides no evidence for the hypothesis that comorbid anxiety disorders are predictors of suicidal attempt in depressed patients. Increased risks of suicide and suicidal attempt have been reported for people with anxiety disorder. However, when the association between anxiety disorder and risk of suicidal behavior has been controlled for mood disorder, anxiety disorders have not made significant contribution to suicide risk, suggesting that the observed association between anxiety disorders and suicidal behavior may reflect mood disorders that are frequently comorbid with anxiety disorder.

#### PHYSICAL ILLNESS

The relation of physical health and illness to suicide is significant. Previous medical care appears to be a positively correlated risk indicator of suicide: 32 % of all person who commit suicide have had medical attention within 6 months of death. Factors associated with illness and contributing to both suicide and suicidal attempt are loss of mobility, especially when physical activity is important to occupation or recreation; disfigurement, particularly among women; and chronic intractable pain. In addition to the direct effects of illness, the secondary effects – for example, disruption of relationship and loss of occupational status are prognostic factors. A significant association was found between medical conditions and suicidality that persisted after adjusting for depressive illness and alcohol use. However our finding did not find association between suicidal attempt and physical illness in depressed patients.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FACTORS

#### **EDUCATION LEVEL**

Most studies which have examined associations between measures of social disadvantage and suicide or suicidal attempt have reported increased risk of suicidal behavior among individuals from socially disadvantaged backgrounds characterized by such features as low socioeconomic status, limited educational achievement, low income and poverty. Risk of suicide was shown to be elevated among young people who had dropped out of school (OR = 5.1) or were not at college (OR = 7.8). In Thailand Serisathien P et al. studies suicide attempter in hospital at Rayong province and found that demographic factors related suicide attempts were educational level, total family income and its sufficiency. Our finding also found that lower level of education associated with suicidal attempt (OR = 4.5, 95% CI = 1.82 to 13.3) however we did not find association with income, it may be due to this study focus on patient's income, not on total family income.

#### **FAMILY**

The importance of the role of the family in the development and course of major psychiatric illness has become increasing recognized over the past 10 years. They find that the family pathology evident during an acute depressive episode continues after the patient's remission; that the course of depressive illness, relapse rates, and suicidal behavior are all affected by family functioning; and that children of depressed parents are at high risk for psychopathology. Some studies found that depressed inpatients who attempted suicide perceived their family functioning to be worse than did their families. Suicidal patients also viewed their families more negatively than did depressed nonsuicidal inpatients, who actually viewed their family functioning more positively

than did their family members. Keitner GI et al<sup>105</sup> found that previous suicide attempts, interepisodic adjustment, changes in family constellation, and a negative perception of family functioning were characteristic of depressed patients with recurrent suicidal attempt.

Agid O et al $^{107}$  found that loss of parent during childhood significantly increased the likelihood of developing major depression during adult life (OR = 3.8, p = .001). The effect of loss due to permanent separation (p = .008) was more striking than loss due to death, as was loss before the age of 9 years (OR = 11, p = .003) compared to later childhood and adolescence.

King RA et al<sup>108</sup> found that low parental monitoring and risk behaviors (such as smoking, physical fighting, alcohol intoxication and sexual activity) are associated with increased risk of suicidal ideation and attempts in adolescents. Qin P et al<sup>109</sup> did a nest case control study using data from Danish Longitudinal registers. They included 4262 people who had committed suicide aged 9-45 years during 1987-97 (cases) and 80238 population based controls matched for age, sex and date of suicide and found that a family history of completed suicide and psychiatric illness significantly and independently increased suicide risk (OR = 2.58, 95% CI = 1.84 to 3.61) and 1.31 [1.19 to 1.45] respectively)

Family issue may be related to suicide in several ways: such as familial environmental factors (including early parental deprivation), family functioning, family history of psychopathology (depressive disorder, substance use disorder, suicidal behavior), etc. In this study it was found that depressed patients with suicidal attempt were 2.5 times more likely to have family history of alcohol or substance use than control (95%CI = 1.05 to 6.56, P-value = .036). This relationship may reflect the genetic association, family stresses, impaired family function or supporting system. However we did not find relationship between family structure and family history of psychiatric illness to suicidal attempt in depressed patients. It may be due to family factors influence long term impact rather than precipitating attempted suicide or there are need to have larger sample size to determine this association.

#### THE PREDICTORS OF SUICIDAL ATTEMPT

From the univariate analysis, factors showing the association of suicidal attempt in depressed in patients were current stressful life event, severe depression, recurrent depressive episode, history and family history of substance use, financial problem, low intelligence and lower level of education.

Multivariate analyses was performed. It indicated 3 factors that were important in predicting suicidal attempt in depressed patients: history of substance use, educational level and presence of stressful life event. These factors were found to have independent effects on suicidal attempt from multivariate conditional logistic regression analysis.

Our results were consistent with findings from other studies. <sup>67,108,110-112</sup> Kelly TM et al<sup>110</sup> investigated the impact of recent life events and social adjustment on suicide attempter and noted that suicide attempter reported more recent life events and scored lower social adjustment compared with non attempters. Beautrais AL et al<sup>67</sup> found that important proximal occurrences for serious suicide attempts among young people include a series of life events associated principally with interpersonal conflicts relationship difficulties and legal problems.

Philip MP et al<sup>111</sup> studied risk factor for suicide in China and found important factors were high depression symptom, acute stress at time of death, low quality of life, high chronic stress and severe interpersonal conflict in the 2 days before death.

Cheng ATA et al<sup>112</sup> reported five major risk factor for suicide. There were loss event, suicidal behavior in first-degree relatives, major depressive episode, emotionally unstable and substance dependence.

Beautrais  $AL^{113}$  noted that commit suicide and medically serious suicide attempts are two overlapping population that share common psychiatric diagnosis and history features but are distinguished by gender and patterning of psychiatric disorder. Commit suicides were more likely to be male (OR = 1.9, 95% CI = 11 to 3.2); older (OR = 1.03, 95% CI = 1.02 to 1.04) and to have a current

diagnosis of non affective psychosis (OR = 8.5, 95% CI = 2 to 35.9). Suicide attempt were more likely than suicide to be female; have a current diagnosis of anxiety disorder (OR = 3.5, 95% CI = 1.6 to 7.8) and to be socially isolated (OR = 2, 95% CI = 1.2 to 3.5). Multiple logistic regression identified the following risk factors that were common to suicide and serious suicide attempts: current mood disorder; previous suicide attempts; prior outpatient psychiatric treatment; admission to psychiatric hospital within the previous year; low income; a lack of formal educational qualification; exposure to recent stressful interpersonal, legal and work related life events.

Dieserud G et al<sup>114</sup> applied a cognitive psychological approach toward an integrative model of suicide attempt. They expand previous research on stress-vulnerability models of depression and problem solving deficits, as it relates to suicide attempt. The results indicated a two path model of suicide attempt. The first path began with low self-esteem, loneliness and separation or divorce, which advanced to depression, and was further mediated by hopelessness and suicidal ideation which led to suicide attempt. The second path developed from low self esteem and a low sense of self-efficacy and advanced to suicide attempt, mediated by a negative appraisal of one's own problem solving capacity and poor interpersonal problem-solving skills. The importance of addressing both depression and problem-solving deficits when working with suicide attempter is noted. Problem solving capacity mostly depend on intellectual, education and training. These may explain why depressed patient who had less intelligence and lower level education employed suicidal attempt when exposure to stressful life events.

When considering suicide prevention, the individual should be seen in an ecological interactive relationship with the environment, where the suicidal act may be a response to internal and external stress. All of the above factors should be considered when planning a preventive strategy.

Restricting the availability of dangerous substances and commonly drugs used for employing suicidal attempt should be considered. Additionally, reduction of alcohol and substance misuse by young people may help to prevent suicide.

Suicide may be precipitated by interpersonal problems, indicating that improvements in interpersonal and life skills may be beneficial. Furthermore, depressed patients should have the knowledge of where to obtain help, in times of crisis. Effective treatment and follow-up are required for depressed patients who are at high risk of suicidal behavior.

#### 6.3 CONCLUSION

Presence of current stressful life event, particularly family or interpersonal relationship problems, as well as history of substance use and lower level of education appear to have an important role in suicidal attempt in depressed patients. These findings underline the importance of adequate assessment of these factors when evaluating suicidal risk in depressed patients and development preventive strategies for those patients.

#### 6.4 IMPLICATION

- This study provides the information for development of appropriate follow up and treatment of depressed patients known to be at high risk of suicidal behavior, including those who have recent stressful life event.
- This study provides the information for development of general mental health programs which aim to foster good mental health skill among young people especially those who are in lower level of education.
- Adding a family approach to the treatment of depressive illness may be helpful, especially for depressed female patients who are experiencing marital turmoil.

- Implement training for recognition of at risk behavior and delivery of effective treatment particularly for those with concurrent substance abuse /dependence and depressive disorder.

#### 6.5 LIMITATION

- This study was conducted at hospital in Bangkok and most of patients had residence in Bangkok, the social factor about urbanization may have some influence on characteristics of patients who attempted suicide.
- There are small number of depressed elderly patients in this study so there may be limited interpretability for generalization to these group.
- Self reports of personality characteristics may be contaminated by current mental state factors particularly depression.
- This study did not focus on biological factor especially about serotonin dysregulation and genetic study because there were limitation on laboratory investigations however we also concerned with family suicide history and family psychiatric history.

#### 6.6 SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER STUDIES

- Further research will need to address the specific risk factors associated with suicide or suicidal attempt in depressed elderly patients.
- Further research using rigorously designed controlled and longitudinal studies in examining the contribution of personality traits to suicide attempt risk.
- Studies focusing on familial factors in suicidal behavior on aspect of family functioning and their perception, role of supporting system
- Research about protective factors against stress related suicidal behavior such as social adjustment, supporting system.

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## ข้อมูลที่ผู้ป่วยควรทราบ (Patient Information Sheet)

**ชื่อโครงการ** ปัจจัยที่ช่วยบ่งบอกการพยายามกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรมในผู้ป่วยซึมเศร้า

 สถานที่ทำการวิจัย
 คณะแพทยศาสตร์ จุฬาลงกรณ์มหาวิทยาลัย

 ผู้ทำการวิจัย
 อาจารย์แพทย์หญิง ศิริลักษณ์ ศุภปิติพร

<u>อาจารย์ที่ปรึกษา</u> รองศาสตราจารย์แพทย์หญิงนั้นทิกา ทวิชาชาติ

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<u>ข้อมูลทั่วไป</u>

ภาวะซึมเศร้าเป็นโรคที่มีความสำคัญและเป็นปัญหาสาธารณสุขของประเทศ เหตุการณ์ความเครียดใน ชีวิตหรือปัจจัยทางจิตสังคม รวมถึงภาวะผิดปกติอื่นที่เกิดร่วม อาจเกี่ยวข้องกับภาวะซึมเศร้าหรือความเสี่ยงต่อ พฤติกรรมทำร้ายตนเอง (หรืออัตวินิบาตกรรม) การป้องกันการทำร้ายตนเอง โดยการค้นพบและให้การวินิจฉัย ผู้ป่วยที่มีความเสี่ยงสูงได้แต่เริ่มแรก และให้การดูแลรักษาที่มีประสิทธิภาพ เป็นเรื่องที่มีความสำคัญ

## <u>ข้อมูลของโครงการ</u>

การศึกษาในโครงการวิจัยนี้ เป็นการศึกษาความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างการพยายามกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรมกับ ปัจจัยความเครียดทางจิตสังคม ความรุนแรงของภาวะซึมเศร้า และปัจจัยอื่น ๆ ที่เกี่ยวข้อง ซึ่งใช้กลุ่มตัวอย่างเป็น ผู้ป่วยซึมเศร้า จำนวนประมาณ 180 คน โดยมีขั้นตอนต่อไปนี้

- 1. สัมภาษณ์ทางคลินิกและซักถามอาการ
- 2. ผู้ป่วยตอบแบบสอบถามเกี่ยวกับเหตุการณ์ชีวิต ความรู้สึก และบุคลิกภาพอุปนิสัย

#### ประโยชน์ของการทำวิจัย

ทำให้ทราบถึงความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างการพยายามกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรมในผู้ป่วยซึมเศร้าและปัจจัยทาง จิตสังคม ความรุนแรงของภาวะซึมเศร้า และปัจจัยอื่น ๆ ที่เกี่ยวข้อง ซึ่งสามารถประยุกต์ใช้เป็นข้อมูลในการ พัฒนาแนวทางป้องกันการพยายามกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรม และวางแผนการดูแลรักษาผู้ป่วย

## <u>ความไม่สะดวกที่อาจเกิดจากการศึกษาวิจัย</u>

การวิจัยนี้อาศัยการสัมภาษณ์ทางคลินิกและซักถามอาการ ซึ่งเป็นส่วนที่แพทย์ปฏิบัติอยู่แล้วในการดูแล ผู้ป่วย ส่วนการตอบแบบสอบถามของผู้ป่วยเกี่ยวกับเหตุการณ์ชีวิต ความรู้สึกและบุคลิกภาพอุปนิสัยนั้น ผู้วิจัย ใช้แบบสอบถามซึ่งได้รับการยอมรับในการประเมินผู้ป่วย ทั้งในทางปฏิบัติและทางวิจัย จึงไม่น่ามีปัญหาหรือเพิ่ม ความเสี่ยงแก่ผู้ป่วย

ข้อมูลที่ได้จากการวิจัยนี้จะประยุกต์ใช้เพื่อเป็นประโยชน์ในทางการแพทย์ มิได้เปิดเผยเป็นรายบุคคล
จึงไม่น่ามีปัญหาด้านการเปิดเผยความลับหรือเรื่องส่วนตัว
ท่านจำเป็นต้องเข้ารับการศึกษาในการวิจัยนี้หรือไม่

ขึ้นอยู่กับท่านเอง แพทย์จะดูแลท่านอย่างดีที่สุด ไม่ว่าท่านจะเข้าร่วมในการศึกษานี้หรือไม่ และท่าน จะถอนตัวจากการศึกษาได้ทุกเวลา โดยไม่ทำให้ผลการรักษาพยาบาลต่อท่านด้อยลงไป แพทย์ผู้ที่ท่านสามารถติดต่อได้

จากข้อมูลข้างต้นผู้ป่วยจะเป็นผู้ตัดสินใจเองว่าจะร่วมในการวิจัยหรือไม่ และสามารถสอบถาม รายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้จาก แพทย์หญิงศิริลักษณ์ ศุภปิติพร โทรศัพท์ 02-2564298

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	วันที่	
<u>ชื่อโครงการ</u>	ปัจจัยที่ช่วยบ่งบอกการพยายามกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรมในผู้ป่วยซึมเ <i>ศ</i> ร้า	
<u>ผู้ทำการวิจัย</u>	อาจารย์แพทย์หญิง ศิริลักษณ์ ศุภปิติพร	
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<u>วัตถุประสงค์</u>	เพื่อศึกษาความสัมพันธ์ระหว่ <mark>างการพยายา</mark> มกระทำอัตวินิบาตกรรมกับปัจจัยความเครียดทาง	
จิตสังคม ความรุนแ	เรงของภาวะซึมเศร้า และปัจจัยอื่น ๆ ที่เกี่ยวข้อง ทั้งนี้เพื่อค้นหาปัจจัยที่สามารถช่วยบ่งบอก	
การพยายามกระทำ	อัตวินิบาตกรรมในผู้ป่วยซึมเศร้า และเป็นข้อมูลในการวางแผนการช่วยเหลือ และป้องกัน	
รายละเอียดที่จะบ	<u>ฏิบัติต่อผู้สมัคร</u>	
สัมภาษณ์	์และซักถามอาการ	
ผู้ป่วยตอา	บแบบสอบถามเกี่ยวกับเหตุการณ์ชีวิต ความรู้สึก และบุคลิกภาพ อุปนิสัย	
<u>ประโยชน์และผลข</u>	<u>ข้างเคียงที่จะเกิดแก่ผู้สมัคร</u>	
<u>ประโยชน์</u>		
- ผู้ป่วย	ยจะได้ประเมินตนเองเกี่ยวกับอารมณ์ความรู้สึก เหตุการณ์ชีวิต และภาวะซึมเศร้า	
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<u>การรับฟังคำชี้แจง</u>	VALUE LANGE	
อยู่บ้านเลขที่ถ ได้อ่านราช	เาย/นาง/นางสาว)นามสกุลนามสกุลนับถือศาสนายละเอียดของโครงการในใบสมัครเข้าร่วมโครงการโดยตลอด และได้รับฟังคำชี้แจงจาก อัจัยแล้ว ได้เข้าใจถึงวัตถุประสงค์ของการวิจัย วิธีการวิจัย ประโยชน์และผลข้างเคียงที่อาจเกิด	
•	บในการวิจัยจะดำเนินการด้วยความระมัดระวังอย่างดีที่สุด จะเก็บข้อมูลเฉพาะเกี่ยวกับตัว	
_	ับ และใช้ข้อมูลที่ได้เพื่อเป็นประโยชน์ในทางการแพทย์ การเปิดเผยข้อมูลเกี่ยวกับตัวข้าพเจ้า	
	ๆ ที่เกี่ยวข้องกระทำได้เฉพาะกรณีจำเป็น ด้วยเหตุผลทางวิชาการหรือทางกฎหมายเท่านั้น	
	องความเสียหาย ๆ ทั้งสิ้น	
	้ ก็อ่านข้อความข้างต้นแล้ว และมีความเข้าใจดีทุกประการ ข้าพเจ้ายินดีให้ข้อมูลของข้าพเจ้า	
เพื่อเป็นประโยชน์ใน	มการศึกษาวิจัยครั้งนี้ และได้ลงนามในใบยินยอมนี้ด้วยความเต็มใจ	
	ลงนาม (ผู้ยืนยอม)	
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	ลงนาม (ผู้วิจัย)	
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	ลงนาม (พยาน)	
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		No
	CASE RECORD FORM	
	[ ] Case group	[ ] Control group
Type of patient	O.P.D. or E.R.	[ ] Inpatient ward
NAME		
ADDRESS		Tel
Hospital number		
Arrival date		
Interview date		
PART 1. Demographic data		·
1. Gender		
1. [ ] male	2. [ ] female	
2. Age Year	AVNICUCA	
1. [ ]15-25 years	2. [ ] 25-50 years	3. [ ] over 50 years
3. Marital status		
1. [ ] single	2. [ ] 25-50 years	3. [ ] over 50 years
4. [ ] divorce	5. [ ] other specify	
4. Religion		
1. [ ]Buddhism	2. [ ] Christ	3. [ ] Islam
4. [ ] other specify	M TAINET Y	
5. Residence province		
	2. [ ] primary school	3. [ ] secondary school
4. [ ] north-east		6. [ ] southern
7. [ ] other specify		
6. Education		
1. [ ]no school	2. [ ] primary school	3. [ ] secondary school
4. [ ] University or gradu	ate	5. [ ] other specify

7. (	Occupation		
	1. [ ] employee	2. [ ] agriculturist	3. [ ] government officer
	4. [ ] business	5. [ ] student	6. [ ] housewife
	7. [ ] unemployed	8. [ ] other specify	
8.	Patient's income per month	n (Baht)	
	1. [ ] none	2. [ ] 2000 or lower	3. [ ] 2001-5000
	4. [ ] 5001-10000	5. [ ] more than 10000	
9.	Financial problem or debt		
	1. [ ] yes specify amount	t	2. [ ] no
10.	. History of physical illness		
	1. [ ] yes specify		2. [ ] no
11.	. History of psychiatric illnes	ss and treatment	
	1. [ ] yes specify disorde	er	hospital
	2. [ ] no		
12.	. History of substance use (	; heroin, marijuana, amphetai	mine, alcohol, hypnotic,)
	1. [ ] yes specify type	, d	uration
	2. [ ] no		
13.	. Current substance use		
	1. [ ] always	2. [ ] seldom	3. [ ] no
	4. [ ] other specify		
14.	. Duration of current depres	ssive episode	weeks
	1. [ ] less than 2 weeks	2. [ ] 2 weeks – 4 weeks	3. [ ] 4-8 weeks
	4. [ ]8-12 weeks	5. [ ] more than 12 weeks	
15.	. Current depressive episoc	le is	
	1. [ ] first 2. [ ] sec	cond 3. [ ] third	3. [ ] forth or more than

16 Psychosocial stress or problem		
1. [ ] yes specify	Current	Past
1. work		
2. family		
3. social		
4. individual or relationship		
5. other		
specify		
2. [ ] no		
17. History of previous suicidal attempt (for	case only)	
1. [ ] yes specifyitems	2. [ ] never	
18. Method of this presenting suicidal attem	pt (for case only)	
1. [ ] drug ingestion, specify	2. [ ] hanging	
2. [ ] jumping	4. [ ] shooting	
5. [ ] cut or stab wound	6. [ ] other specify	
19. Precipitating factor of this presenting sui	cidal attempt (for case only)	
1. [ ] yes specify		
1. work problem		
2. family problem		
3. marital problem		
4. health problem or illness		
5. school or learning problem		
<ul><li>6. interpersonal relationship pro</li><li>7. financial problem</li></ul>	blem	
8. other specify		
2. [ ] no		

20. Family structure in childhood (when age	less than 15 years old)
1. [ ] father and mother lived together	
2. [ ] father and mother divorced or sep	parated when patient was Years old
3. [ ] father or mother remarried when p	patient was years old
4. [ ] father or mother died when patier	nt was years old
5. [ ] other specify	
21. Family history of psychiatric illness	
1. [ ]yes, relation as parent	2. [ ] yes, relation as sibling
specify disorder	specify disorder
3. [ ] no	4. [ ] other specify
22. Family history of suicide	
1. [ ]yes, relation as parent	2. [ ] yes, relation as sibling
3. [ ] no	4. [ ] other specify
23. Family history of alcoholism or substance	use
1. [ ] yes specify type	Duration
Relation of patient as	
2. [ ] no	

#### SUMMARY OF DIAGNOSIS

Axis I	 	 	 
Axis II	 	 	 
Axis III.	 	 	 
Axis IV.	 	 l	 
Axis V		 	 



# แบบวัดผลของความเครียดต่อการปรับตัวทางสังคม

ชื่อ	 อายุปี เลขที่ผู้ป่วยนอก
	้ ถ้ามีเหตุการณ์ดังต่อไปนี้เกิดขึ้น

	เหตุการณ์ชีวิต	ในช่วง 3 เดือน	ในอดีตหรือ
		ที่ผ่านมา	มากกว่า 3 เดือน
1.	การตายของสามีหรือภรรยา		
2.	การหย่าร้าง		
3.	การแยกกันจากคู่สมรส		
4.	การติดคุก		
5.	การตายของสมาชิกครอบครัวใกล้ชิด		
6.	การบาดเจ็บ เจ็บป่วย		
7.	การแต่งงาน		
8.	การตกงาน		
9.	การแต่งงานใหม่ คู่เก่า		
10.	เกษียณอายุ		
11.	การเจ็บป่วยของสมาชิกครอบครัว		
12.	การตั้งครรภ์		
13.	ปัญหาทางเพศ	2000	
14.	สมาชิกใหม่ในครอบครัว	91119	
15.	ปรับตัวกับงานใหม่	2000100	
16.	เศรษฐกิจเปลี่ยนแปลง	9118 10	12
17.	เพื่อนสนิทตาย		
18.	เปลี่ยนสายงาน		
19.	ทะเลากับสามี ภรรยา		
20.	จำนองของราคาสูงกว่า 250,000 บาท		
21.	หมดเวลาจำนอง		
22.	เปลี่ยนความรับผิดชอบในงาน		

	เหตุการณ์ชีวิต	ในช่วง 3 เดือน	ในอดีตหรือ
		ที่ผ่านมา	มากกว่า 3 เดือน
23.	ลูกจากบ้าน		
24.	เดือนร้อนทางกฎหมาย		
25.	ความสำเร็จส่วนตัวที่สำคัญ		
26.	ภรรยาเริ่มเลิกทำงาน		
27.	เริ่มจบโรงเรียน		
28.	เปลี่ยนสภาพที่อยู่		
29.	เปลี่ยนนิสัยส่วนตัว		
	ปัญหากับเจ้านาย		
31.	เปลี่ยนเวลา สภาพที่ทำงาน		
32.	เปลี่ยนที่อยู่		
33.	เปลี่ยนโรงเรียน		
34.	เปลี่ยนการสนุกสนาน		
35.	เปลี่ยนกิจกรรมทางศาสนา		
36.	เปลี่ยนกิจกรรมทางสังคม		
37.	จำนอง หนี้ต่ำกว่า 250,000 บาท		
38.	เปลี่ยนพฤติกรรมการนอน		
39.	เปลี่ยนจำนวนสมาชิกครอบครัว	<u> </u>	
40.	เปลี่ยนพฤติกรรมการกิน	รัการ	
41.	หยุดงาน พักผ่อน	9	,
42.	คดี ปัญหากฎหมายเล็กน้อย	วทยาล	18

ลำดับที่			
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ผู้วัด			
วัน เดือน ปี			
เพศ			
อายุ			
การวินิจฉัย			

# THAMD HAMILTON RATING SCALE

FOR DEPRESSION (THAI VERSION)

1.	อาร	มณ์ซึมเศร้า (เศร้าใจ,สิ้นหวัง,หมดหนทาง,ไร้ค่า)		5.	กา	รนอนไม่หลับในช่วงกลาง	
		ไม่มี	0			ไม่มี	0
		จะบอกภาวะความรู้สึกนี้ ต่อเมื่อถามเท่านั้น	1			ผู้ป่วยแจ้งว่ากระสับกระส่ายนอนหลับไม่สนิท	1
		บอกภาวะความรู้สึกนี้ออกมาเอง	2			ช่วงกลางคืน	
		สื่อภาวะความรู้สึกนี้โดยภาษากาย ได้แก่	3			ตื่นกลางดึก หากมีลุกจากที่นอน ให้คะแนน 2	2
		การแสดง,สีหน้า,น้ำเสียง,และมักร้องให้				(ยกเว้นเพื่อปัสสาวะ)	
		ผู้ป่วยบอกเพียงความรู้สึกนี้อย่างชัดเจน ทั้งการ	4	6.	กา	รตื่นนอนเช้ากว่าปกติ	
		บอกออกมาเอง และภาษากาย	1511			ไม่มี	0
2.	ควา	มรู้สึกผิด				ตื่นแต่เช้ามืด แต่นอนหลับต่อได้	1
		ไม่มี	0			นอนต่อไม่หลับอีก หากลุกจากเตียงไปแล้ว	2
		ติเตียนตนเอง รู้สึกตนเองทำให้ผู้อื่นเสี <mark>ยใจ</mark>	1	7.	การ	งานและกิจกรรม	
		รู้สึกผิด หรือครุ่นคิดถึงความผิดพลาดหรือ	2			ไม่มี	0
		การก่อกรรมในอดีต				มีความคิดและความรู้สึกว่าตนเองไม่มีสมรรถภาพ	1
		ความเจ็บป่วยในปัจจุบันเป็นการลงโทษ	3			อ่อนเปลี้ย, หรือหย่อนกำลังที่เกี่ยวข้องกับ	
		มีอาการหลงคิดว่าตนเองผิด				กิจกรรมต่าง ๆ : การงาน หรืองานอดิเรก	
		ได้ยินเสียงกล่าวโทษ หรือประมาณ และ/หรือ	4			หมดความสนใจในกิจกรรมต่าง ๆ : งานอดิเรก	2
		เห็นภาพหลอนที่ข่มขู่คุกคาม				หรืองานประจำ ไม่ว่าจะทราบโดยตรงจากการ	
3.	การ	ฆ่าตัวตาย				บอกของผู้ป่วยหรือทางอ้อมจากการไม่กระตือ	
		ไม่มี	0	1 (		รือล้น, ลังเลใจ และเปลี่ยนใจไปมา (ผู้ป่วยรู้สึก	
		รู้สึกชีวิตไร้ค่า	1		$\bigcup$	ว่าต้องกระตุ้นให้ตนเองทำงานหรือกิจกรรม)	
		คิดว่าตนเองน่าจะตาย หรือความคิดใด ๆ	2			เวลาที่ใช้จริงในการทำกิจกรรมหรือผลงานลดลง	3
		เกี่ยวกับการตายที่อาจเกิดขึ้นได้กับตนเอง	191	98		หากอยู่ในโรงพยาบาล,ให้คะแนน 3 ถ้าผู้ป่วย	
		มีความคิดหรือท่าที่จะฆ่าตัวตาย	3			ใช้เวลาต่ำกว่า 3 ชั่วโมงต่อวัน ในการทำกิจกรรม	
		พยายามที่จะฆ่าตัวตาย (ความพยายามใด ๆ ที่	4			(งานของโรงพยาบาลหรืองานอดิเรก) ยกเว้น	
		วุนแรง ให้คะแนน 4)				หน้าที่ประจำในโรงพยาบาล	
4.	การ	นอนไม่หลับในช่วงต้น				หยุดทำงาน เพราะการเจ็บป่วยในปัจจุบัน หาก	4
		ไม่มีปัญหาเข้านอนแล้วหลับยาก	0			อยู่โรงพยาบาล, ให้คะแนน 4 ถ้าผู้ป่วยไม่ทำ	
		แจ้งว่านอนหลับยากบางครั้ง ได้แก่ นานกว่า	1			กิจกรรมอื่นนอกจากหน้าที่ประจำในโรงพยาบาล	
		½ ชั่วโมง				หรือถ้าผู้ป่วยทำหน้าที่ไม่ได้หากไม่มีคนช่วย	
		แจ้งว่านคนหลับยากทกคืน	2				

8. อาการเชื่องช้า (ความช้าของความคิดและการพูดจา :		13. อาการทางกาย อาการทั่วไป	
สมาธิ บกพร่อง (การเคลื่อนไหวลดลง)	•		
🗖 การพูดจาและความคิดปกติ	0	🗖 ไม่มี	0
🗖 มีอาการเชื่องช้าเล็กน้อยขณะสัมภาษณ์	1	🗖 ตึงแขน ขา หลัง หรือศีรษะ ปวดหลัง ปวดศีรษะ	1
🗖 สัมภาษณ์ได้อย่างลำบาก	2	ปวดกล้ามเนื้อ หมดแวง และอ่อนเพลีย	
🗖 อยู่นิ่งเฉยโดยสิ้นเชิง	3	🗖 มีอาการใด ๆ ที่ชัดเจน ให้คะแนน 2	2
9. อาการกระวนกระวายทั้งกายและใจ		14. อาการทางระบบสืบพันธุ์ เช่น หมดความต้องการทางเพศ	
🗖 ไม่มี	0	ปัญหาด้านประจำเดือน	
🗖 งุ่นง่าน / อยู่ไม่สุข	1	🗖 ไม่มี	0
🗖 เล่นมือ เล่นผม ฯลฯ	2	🗖 เล็กน้อย	1
🗖 เดินไปมา นั่งไม่ติดที่	3	🗖 ปานกลาง	2
🗖 บีบมือ กัดเล็บ ดึงผม กัดริมฝีปาก	4	15. อาการคิดว่าคนป่วยเป็นโรคทางกาย	
10. ความวิตกกังวลในจิตใจ		🗖 ไม่มี	0
🗖 ไม่มีปัญหา	0	🗖 หมกมุ่นในตนเอง (ด้านร่างกาย)	1
🗖 รู้สึกตึงเครียด และหงุดหงิด	1	🗖 หมกมุ่นเรื่องสุขภาพ	2
🗖 กังวลในเรื่องเล็กน้อย	2	🗖 แจ้งถึงอาการต่าง ๆ บ่อย เรียกร้องความช่วยเหลือ	3
🗖 การพูดจาหรือสีหน้ามีท่าทีหวั่นกลัว	3	ฯลฯ	
🗖 แสดงความหวาดกลัว โดยไม่ต้องถาม	4	🗖 มีอาการหลงผิดว่าคนป่วยเป็นโรคทางกาย	4
11. ความวิตกกังวลซึ่งแสดงออกทางกาย	24	16. น้ำหนักลด เลือกข้อ ก. หรือ ข.	
อาการร่วมด้านสรีระวิทยาของความวิตกกังวล เช่น :		ก. เมื่อให้คะแนนโดยอาศัยประวัติ	
ระบบทางเดินอาหาร :ปากแห้ง ลมขึ้น อาหาร		🗖 ไม่มีน้ำหนักลด	0
ไม่ย่อย ท้องเสีย ปวดเกร็งท้อง เรอ		🗖 อาจมีน้ำหนักลด ซึ่งเกี่ยวข้องกับการเจ็บป่วยครั้งนี้	1
ระบบหัวใจและหลอดเลือด : ใจสั่น ปวดศีรษะ		🗖 น้ำหนักลดชัดเจน (ตามที่ผู้ป่วยบอก)	2
ระบบหายใจ : หายใจหอบเร็ว ถอนหายใจ		ข. จากการให้คะแนนประจำสัปดาห์โดยจิตแพทย์	
ปัสสาวะบ่อย		ประจำหอผู้ป่วย เมื่อชั่งวัดน้ำหนักที่เปลี่ยนไปจริง	
เหงื่อออก		🗖 น้ำหนักลดน้อยกว่า 1 ปอนด์ ใน 1 สัปดาห์	0
🗖 ไม่มี	0	🗖 น้ำหนักลดมากกว่า 1 ปอนด์ ใน 1 สัปดาห์	1
🗖 เล็กน้อย	1	🗖 น้ำหนักลดมากกว่า 1 ปอนด์ ใน 1 สัปดาห์	2
🗖 ปานกลาง	2	17. การหยั่งเห็นถึงความคิดปกติของตนเอง	
🗖 รูนแรง	3	🗖 ยอมรับว่ากำลังซึมเศร้า	0
🗖 เสื่อมสมรรถภาพ	4	🗖 ยอมรับความเจ็บป่วย แต่โยงสาเหตุกับอาหารที่เลว	1
12. อาการทางกาย ระบบทางเดินอาหาร		้ ดินฟ้าอากาศ การทำงานหนัก ไวรัส การต้องการ	
🗖 ไม่มี	0	พักผ่อน ฯลฯ	
🗖 เบื่ออาหาร แต่รับประทานโดยผู้อื่นไม่ต้องคอย	1	🗖 ปฏิเสธการเจ็บป่วยโดยสิ้นเชิง	2
กระดุ้น		*	
- รู้สึกหน่วงในท้อง			
🗖 รับประทานอาหารยาก หากไม่มีคนคอยกระตุ้น	2		
- ขอหรือจำต้องได้ยาระบายหรือยาเกี่ยวกับลำไส้			
หรือยาสำหรับอาการของระบบทางเดินอาหาร			

## ตัวอย่างแบบทดสอบทางจิตวิทยาเกี่ยวกับบุคลิกภาพ

#### คำแนะนำในการตอบแบบสอบถาม

**วิธีทำ** คำถามในแบบทดสอบฉบับนี้เป็นคำถามเพื่อความเข้าใจเกี่ยวกับความสนใจและความคิดเห็นของท่าน ต่อเรื่องต่าง ๆ คำถามส่วนใหญ่ไม่มีคำตอบที่ผิดหรือถูก เพราะแต่ละคนมีความคิดเป็นของตนเอง ดังนั้นจึงขอให้ ตอบคำถามตามความเป็นจริงสำหรับท่าน

ในแต่ละคำถาม มีคำตอบอยู่สามข้อ โปรดเลือกคำตอบที่ท่านต้องการเพียงคำตอบเดียว จากข้อ ก. ข.

ค. ที่กำหนดให้แล้ว ใช้ดินสอระบายให้เต็มลงในแต่ละช่อง O ใต้ตัวอักษรซึ่งเป็นข้อความที่ท่านเลือกใน
กระดาษคำตอบ ก่อนอื่นโปรดอ่านคำถามตัวอย่าง 4 ข้อ ต่อไปนี้แล้วกาคำตอบที่ท่านเลือกลงใน
กระดาษคำตอบในช่องที่เขียนว่า "ตัวอย่าง"

#### ตัวคย่าง

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1.	ฉันชอา	่ ⊿ดูกพ′	าทเ	ลน	เป	นทม

- กใช่
- ข. เป็นบางครั้งบางคราว
- ค. ไม่ใช่

- 2. ฉันชอบคนที่
  - ก. เก็บตัว
- ข. อยู่ระหว่าง ข้อ ก. กับ ข้อ ค.
- ค. เป็นมิตรกับคนง่าย

- 3. เงินไม่สามารถบันดาลสุข
  - ก. จริง
- ข. อยู่ระหว่าง ข้อ ก. กับข้อ ค.
- ค. ไม่จริง

- 4. "ผู้ใหญ่" คู่กับ "เด็ก" เช่นเดียวกับ "แมว" คู่กับ
  - ก. ลูกแมว
- ข. สุนัข

ค ทารก

ในตัวอย่างข้อ 4 คำตอบที่ถูกคือ ข้อ ก. ลูกแมว แต่ในแบบทดสอบฉบับนี้ มีคำถามที่ต้องการคำตอบที่มีเหตุผล ทำนองนี้น้อยมาก

## ในการตอบแบบทดสอบนี้โปรดคำนึงถึงหลัก 3 ประการ คือ

- 1. ห้ามเลือกคำตอบที่เหมือนกันทุกข้อ แต่ให้ตอบตามความรู้สึกที่แท้จริงของท่าน
- 2. อย่าใช้เวลาในการตอบแต่ละคำถามนานเกินไป พยายามตอบทันทีที่ท่านอ่านคำถามและคำตอบ เสร็จ คำถามบางข้ออาจสั้น หรือให้ข้อมูลน้อยเกินไป ขอให้เลือกคำตอบที่ใกล้เคียงหรือตรงกับ ความคิดของท่านมากที่สุด
- 3. โปรดตอบทุกข้อโดยไม่เว้น ข้อใดข้อหนึ่ง

(โปรดตอบลงในกระดาษสำหรับเขียนคำตอบ และโปรดอย่าขีดเขียนหรือทำเครื่องหมายใด ๆ ลงในแบบทดสอบนี้ ขอให้ใช้ดินสอในการเขียนคำตอบ และในกรณีที่ต้องการเปลี่ยนแปลงคำตอบให้ลบคำตอบเดิมทิ้ง แล้วใช้ดินสอ ระบายให้เต็มลงในช่อง O ที่ท่านเลือกใหม่)

# แบบวัดระดับความวิตกกังวล

## คำชี้แจงในการตอบแบบสอบถาม

แบบสอบถามนี้ต้องการทราบความรู้สึกของท่าน โปรดอ่านข้อความแต่ละข้อความอย่าง รอบคอบ และกรุณาทำเครื่องหมาย ✓ ตรงช่องที่ตรงกับความรู้สึกของท่านตามความเป็นจริงให้ มากที่สุด ในช่วง 2 สัปดาห์ที่ผ่านมา ไม่มีคำตอบใดที่จะถือว่าถูกหรือผิด ดังนั้น ขอให้ตอบด้วย ความสบายใจ ตามความรู้สึกจริงของท่าน ในแต่ละข้อ ขอให้ท่านตอบเพียงคำตอบเดียวและกรุณา ตอบทุกข้อ การเลือกตอบจะถือเกณฑ์ ดังนี้

หมายเลข 1 หมายถึง ผู้ตอบไม่มีความรู้สึกหรือไม่มีพฤติกรรมตามข้อความนั้นเลย หรือถ้ามีความรู้สึก หรือมีพฤติกรรมเช่นนั้น เกิดขึ้นก็น้อยมาก ในช่วง 2 สัปดาห์ ที่ผ่านมา

หมายเลข 2 หมายถึง ผู้ตอบมีความรู้สึกหรือมีพฤติกรรมตามข้อความนั้น เกิดขึ้นบ้าง
เป็นบางครั้ง แต่ไม่บ่อยในช่วง 2 สัปดาห์ ที่ผ่านมา

หมายเลข 3 หมายถึง ผู้ตอบมีความรู้สึกหรือมีพฤติกรรมตามข้อความนั้น เกิดขึ้น บ่อยครั้ง แต่ไม่เกิดตลอดเวลาในช่วง 2 สัปดาห์ ที่ผ่านมา

หมายเลข 4 หมายถึง ผู้ตอบมีความรู้สึกหรือมีพฤติกรรมตามข้อความนั้น เกิดขึ้นบ้าง เกือบตลอดเวลาหรือเป็นตลอดเวลาในช่วง 2 สัปดาห์ ที่ผ่านมา

ชื่อ	คาย	l เลขที่ผ้าไวยนอก	
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	ไม่เลยหรือ เป็นเวลา เล็กน้อย	เป็น บาง ครั้ง	เป็นเวลา นานพอ สมควร	เกือบ หรือ ตลอดเวลา
1. ฉันรู้สึกตื่นเต้นและกระวนกระวายมากกว่าปกติ				
2. ฉันรู้สึกกลัว กังวล โดยไม่มีสาเหตุ				
3. ฉันตกใจง่าย หรือตื่นตระหน <mark>ก</mark>				
4. ฉันรู้สึกวูบเหมือนตกจากที่สูง				
5. ฉันรู้สึกอะไรมันเรียบร้อยดี และไม่มีเรื่องน่า				
วิตกเกิดขึ้น				
6. ฉันเคยรู้สึกแขนขาสั่นสะท้าน				
7. ฉันเคยรู้สึกไม่สบายใจเพราะปว <mark>ดศี</mark> รษะ				
ปวดคอ และหลัง	0.4			
8. ฉันรู้สึกเพลีย				
9. ฉันรู้สึกจิตใจสงบ และนั่งเฉย ๆ ได้ง่าย				
10. ฉันรู้สึกใจสั่น	1932			
11. ฉันรู้สึกไม่สบายเวียนศีรษะ				
12.				
13. ฉันหายใจเข้า – ออก ได้สบาย				
14. ฉันเคยรู้สึกชาและเสียวแปลบที่นิ้วมือ นิ้วเท้า		2		
15. ฉันไม่สบาย ปวดท้องหรือคลื่นใส้	16 11			
16. ฉันปัสสาวะบ่อย		2010		
17. มือของฉันมักแห้งและอุ่น	NIA	שוע	61 E	
18. ฉันรู้สึกหน้าร้อนวูบวาบ				
19. ฉันหลับง่ายและหลับสบายตลอดคืน				
20. ฉันฝันร้าย				
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