

# Distilling the Essential Ingredients for Tailored Communication in an Era of Personalized Medicine



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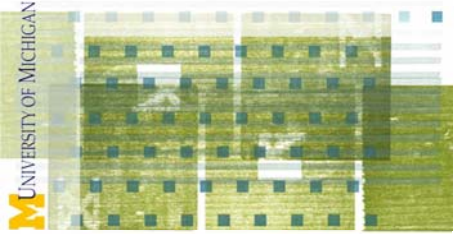
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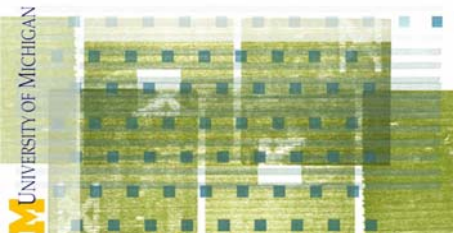




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- Large projects
- Developmental projects
- Core resources
- Summer tailoring workshop
- Web seminar series
- Pre- and post-doctoral training
- Direct dissemination



## CHCR large studies

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### **Project Quit: Active Elements of Web-Based Tailored Smoking Cessation**

Victor Strecher, PhD

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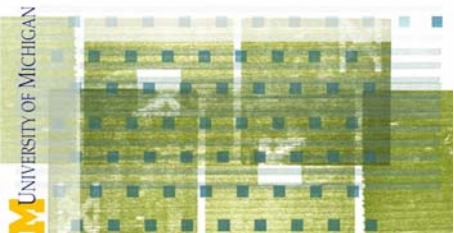
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### **Tailoring Depth for Smoking Cessation**

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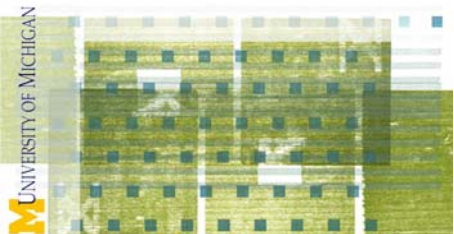
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## CHCR developmental studies

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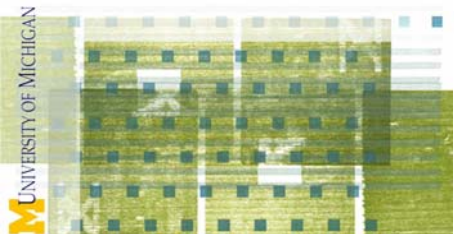
- **Non-responders: Design of Effective Web Data Collection for Cancer Prevention Studies**  
Mick P. Couper, PhD
- **Experimentation Strategies for Time-Varying Treatment Components of Relapse Prevention**  
Susan A. Murphy, PhD
- **Automated Step-Count Feedback to Promote Physical Activity in Chronic Disease**  
Caroline R. Richardson, MD
- **Understanding information scatter on the Internet**  
Suresh K. Bhavnani, PhD
- **Cancer Screening Adherence through Technology-Enhanced Shared Decision Making**  
Masahito Jimbo, MD, PhD, MPH
- **Development of a Preference-Tailored Intervention for Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening**  
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- A. Administrative Core
- B. Biostatistics Core
- C. Theory Core
- D. Tailoring Technology Core
- E. Recruitment and Dissemination Core



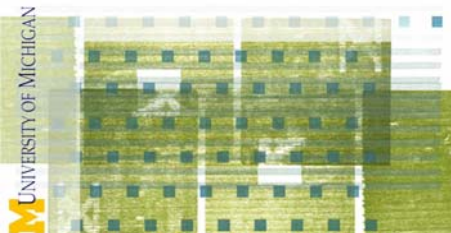
# CHCR Summer Tailoring Workshop

## Software and hardware for tailoring

- For programmers and software engineers
- Relevant software for data collection and tailoring
- Relevant hardware for data collection and tailoring

## Content of tailoring

- Psychosocial content of tailoring
- Communications approaches to tailoring

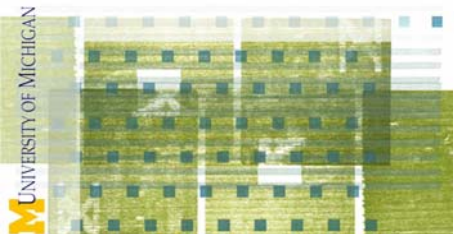


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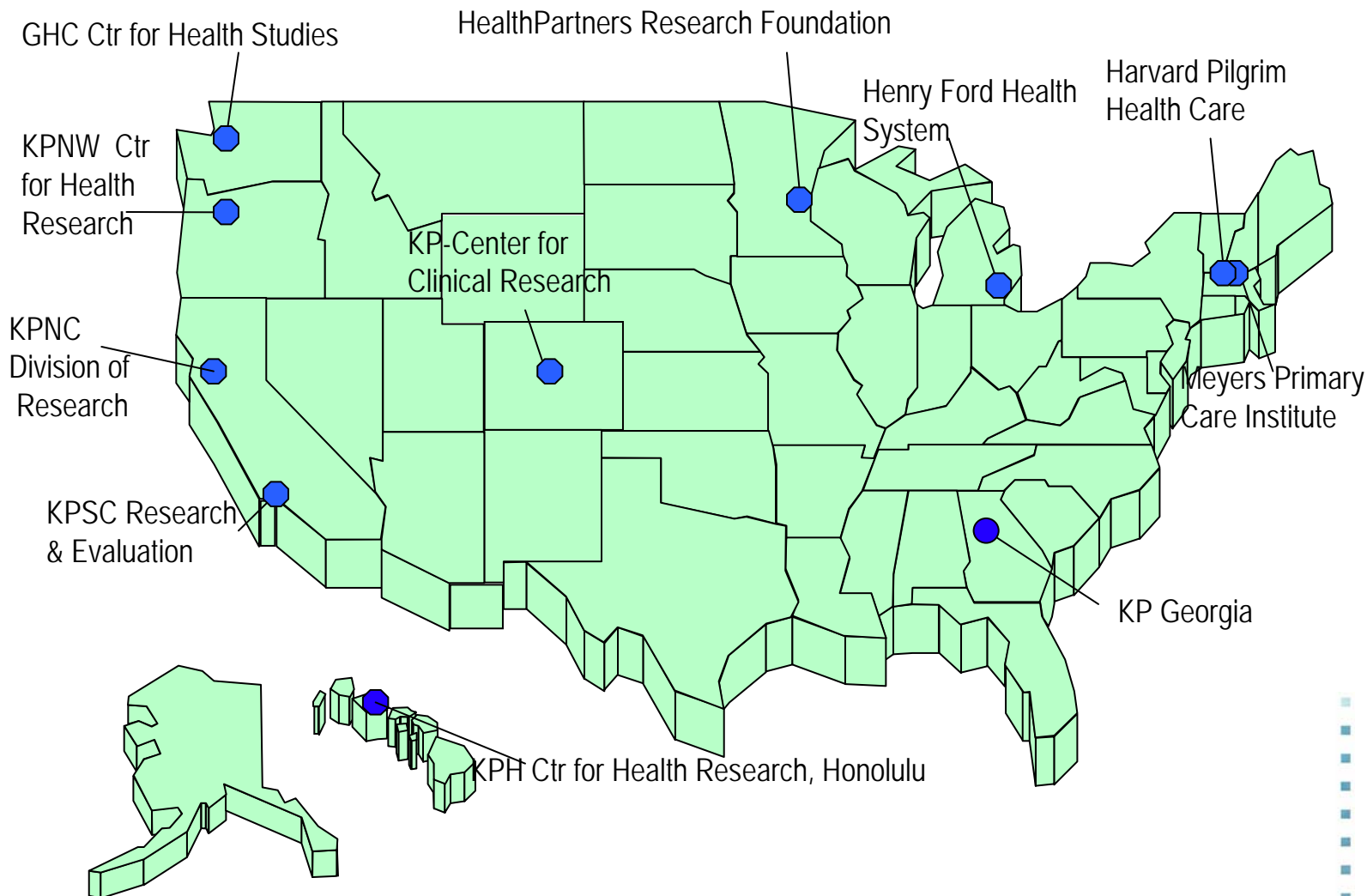
- Developments in Motivation to Change Health Behavior and Working Mechanisms of Computer-Tailored Interventions: **Arie Dijkstra, PhD**
- Individual Tailoring of Health Communications: **Victor J. Strecher, PhD, MPH**
- Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation: **Geoffrey C. Williams, MD, PhD**
- Nigrescence Theory & Cross Racial Identity Scale (CRIS): **William E. Cross, Jr., PhD**
- Motivational Interviewing in Medical and Public Health Settings: **Kenneth A. Resnicow, PhD**
- Causal Inference and Alternative Explanations: **Susan A. Murphy, PhD**
- Little Things Matter: Designing Web Surveys: **Mick Couper, PhD**
- Health Communication Research and the Internet: **Jay M. Bernhardt, PhD, MPH**
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- Eat for Life Psychometric Pilot Results: African American Ethnic Profiles: **Kenneth A. Resnicow, PhD**
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- Forever Free: Where We Are Now: **Susan A. Murphy, PhD**
- Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST): An Extension of Randomized Clinical Trials: **Linda M. Collins, PhD**
- Stepping Up to Health: Tailored step-count feedback to increase walking: **Caroline R. Richardson, MD**
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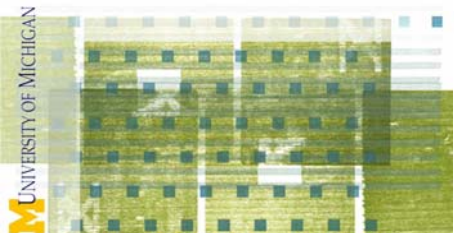




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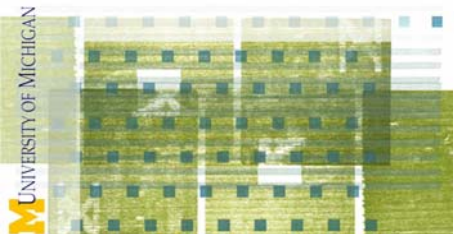




## William Osler, 1892

“If it were not  
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individuals,  
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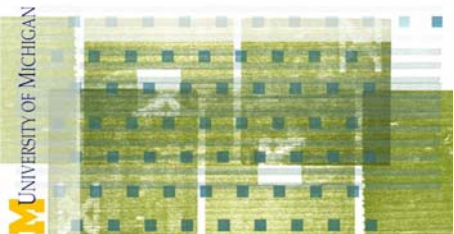
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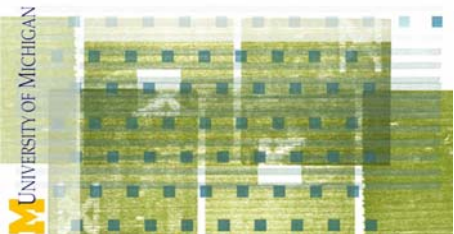
"I think there's a change in the air. That change is a growing recognition that there could be important differences between people, and trying to identify those differences and target treatments to the people most likely to benefit may be desirable."



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Individual variation understood and addressed by:

- Bioinformatics
- Medical informatics
- Consumer health informatics



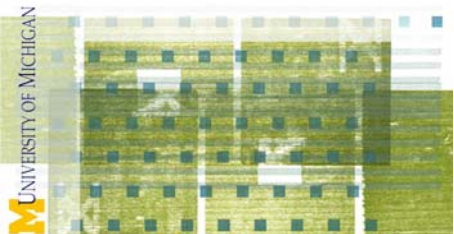
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- Prototype for the future
- Internet use exceeds 75%\*
- Spend over 12 hours per week on the Internet\*
- African-Americans, Latinos, and elderly are getting online\*
- Over 60% use for health issues\*\*
- Over 35% use for health issues weekly\*
- 44% nutrition/diet; 36% exercise/fitness; 6% quitting smoking

\*The Digital Future Report. USC Annenberg School Center for the Digital Future. September, 2004.

\*\*Fox S and Fallows D. Internet Health Resources: Health searches and email have become more commonplace, but there is room for improvement in searches and overall Internet access. Pew Internet and American Life Project. July 16, 2003. Available at [pewinternet.org](http://pewinternet.org).



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## Why the Internet?

- High reach
- Low cost
- Effective?





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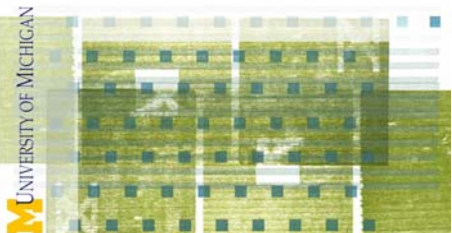
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“The big invention was not the television... the big invention was the soap opera.”

Isaac Azimov





## RESEARCH REPORT

## Randomized controlled trial of a web-based computer-tailored smoking cessation program as a supplement to nicotine patch therapy

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### ABSTRACT

**Aim** To assess the efficacy of World Wide Web-based tailored behavioral smoking cessation materials among nicotine patch users.

**Design** Two-group randomized controlled trial.

**Setting** World Wide Web in England and Republic of Ireland.

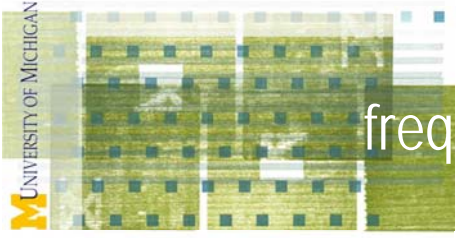
**Participants** A total of 3971 subjects who purchased a particular brand of nicotine patch and logged-on to use a free web-based behavioral support program.

**Intervention** Web-based tailored behavioral smoking cessation materials or web-based non-tailored materials.

**Measurements** Twenty-eight-day continuous abstinence rates were assessed by internet-based survey at 6-week follow-up and 10-week continuous rates at 12-week follow-up.

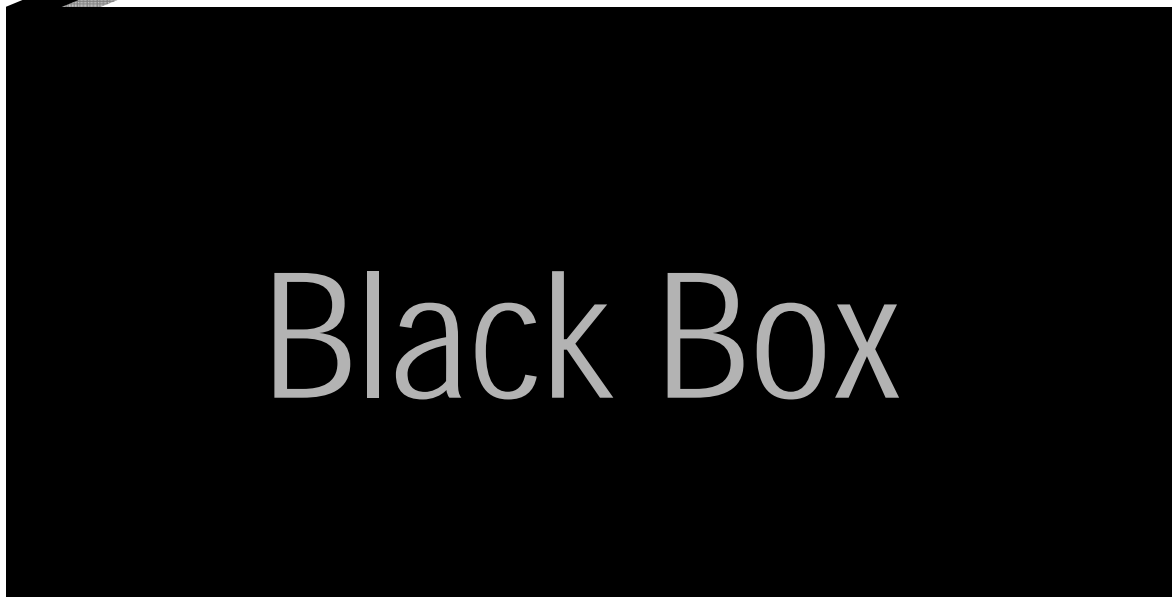
**Findings** Using three approaches to the analyses of 6- and 12-week outcomes, participants in the tailored condition reported clinically and statistically significantly higher continuous abstinence rates than participants in the non-tailored condition. In our primary analyses using as a denominator all subjects who logged-on to the treatment site at least once, continuous abstinence rates at 6 weeks were 29.0% in the tailored condition versus 23.9% in the non-tailored condition (OR = 1.30;  $P = 0.0006$ ); at 12 weeks continuous abstinence rates were 22.8% versus 18.1%, respectively (OR = 1.34;  $P = 0.0006$ ). Moreover, satisfaction with the program was significantly higher in the tailored than in the non-tailored condition.

**Conclusions** The results of this study demonstrate a benefit of the web-based tailored behavioral support materials used in conjunction with nicotine replacement therapy. A web-based program that collects relevant information from users and tailors the intervention to their specific needs had significant advantages over a web-based non-tailored cessation program.

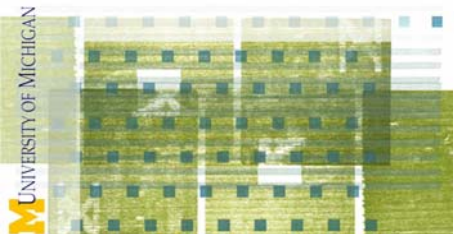


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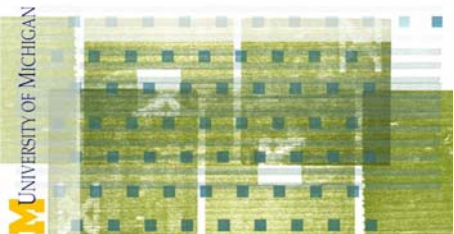


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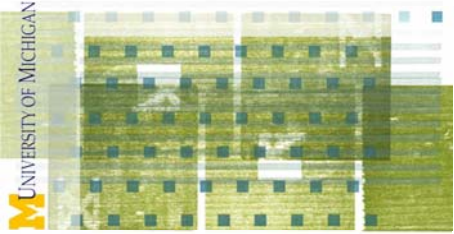
“Clinical trials of drugs and diagnostics using pharmacogenomics will deviate from the standard empirical clinical trial model.”



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## Identifying the active elements...

Number of factors	Factorial design	Fractional factorial design
1	2	
2	4	
3	8	
4	16	
5	32	
6	64	16
7	128	
8	256	
9	512	
10	1024	



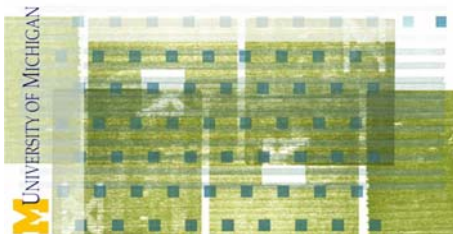
# Fractional factorial designs

Key experimental design for manufacturing industries

- Metallurgy and material sciences
- Pharmaceuticals

Statistical methodology for systematically:

- Identifying important design variables (screening)
- Optimizing product or process design



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## A Strategy for Optimizing and Evaluating Behavioral Interventions

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Although the optimization of behavioral interventions offers the potential of both public health and research benefits, currently there is no widely agreed-upon principled procedure for accomplishing this. **Purpose:** This article suggests a multiphase optimization strategy (MOST) for achieving the dual goals of program optimization and program evaluation in the behavioral intervention field. **Methods:** MOST consists of the following three phases: (a) screening, in which randomized experimentation closely guided by theory is used to assess an array of program and/or delivery components and select the components that merit further investigation; (b) refining, in which interactions among the identified set of components and their interrelationships with covariates are investigated in detail, again via randomized experiments, and optimal dosage levels and combinations of components are identified; and (c) confirming, in which the resulting optimized intervention is evaluated by means of a standard randomized intervention trial. To make the best use of available resources, MOST re-

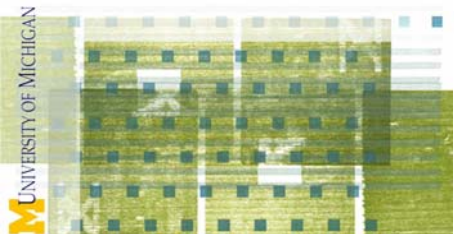
lies on design and analysis tools that help maximize efficiency, such as fractional factorials. **Results:** A slightly modified version of an actual application of MOST to develop a smoking cessation intervention is used to develop and present the ideas. **Conclusions:** MOST has the potential to husband program development resources while increasing our understanding of the individual program and delivery components that make up interventions. Considerations, challenges, open questions, and other potential benefits are discussed.

(Ann Behav Med 2005, 30(1):65-73)

### INTRODUCTION

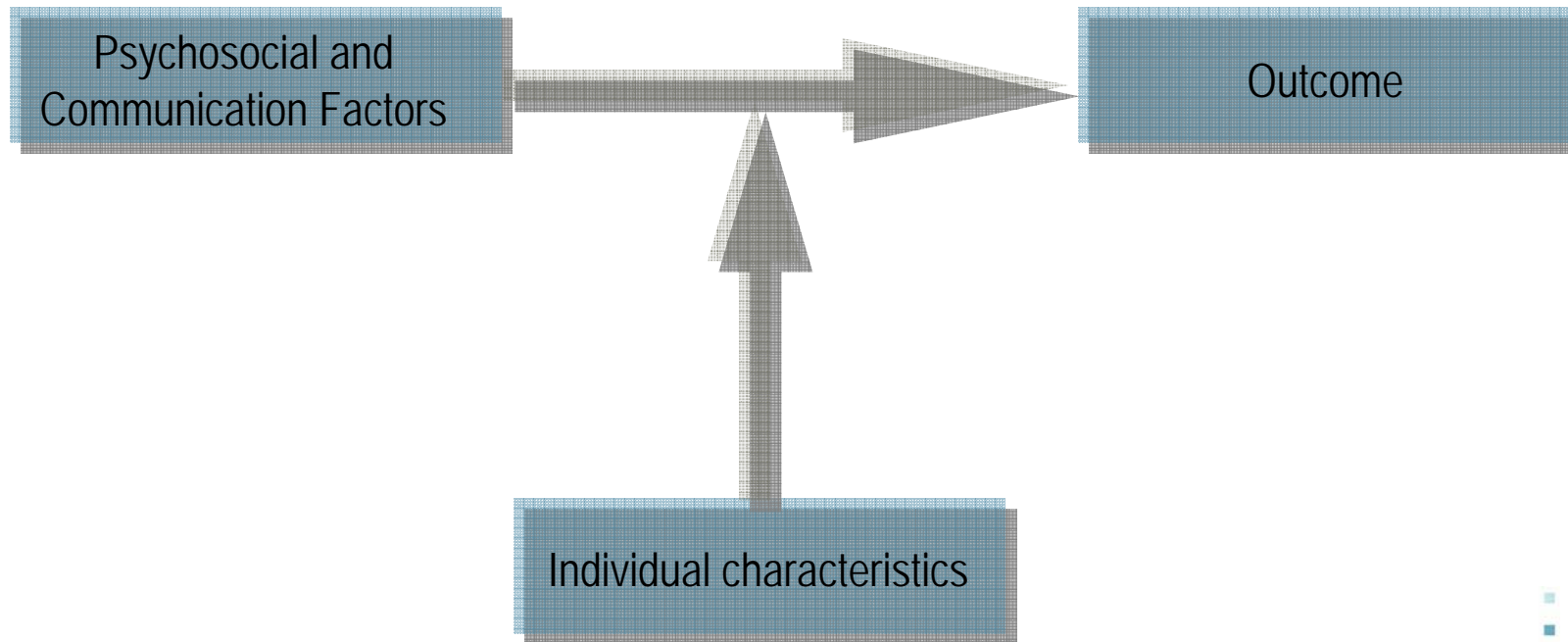
Intervention researchers, intervention targets, health care providers, and other stakeholders would agree that optimizing the potency<sup>1</sup> of behavioral interventions is a worthy objective. Optimized interventions will offer public health advantages by reaching more people and having a greater and more lasting impact on those they reach. Moreover, optimized interventions will benefit research by leading to larger effect sizes and therefore improved statistical power for detecting genuine treatment effects. Although currently there is no widely agreed-upon procedure for optimizing an intervention and its delivery, it is clear that an efficient and scientifically rigorous method is needed for exploring the individual and joint operation of the components of an intervention. Here the term *components* is broadly defined to include both program (i.e., aspects of the intervention program itself) and delivery (i.e., aspects of the implementation)

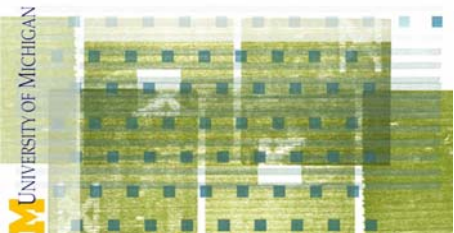
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# Conceptual approach to each project





# Project 1: Determining the Active Ingredients of Web-Based Smoking Cessation Programs

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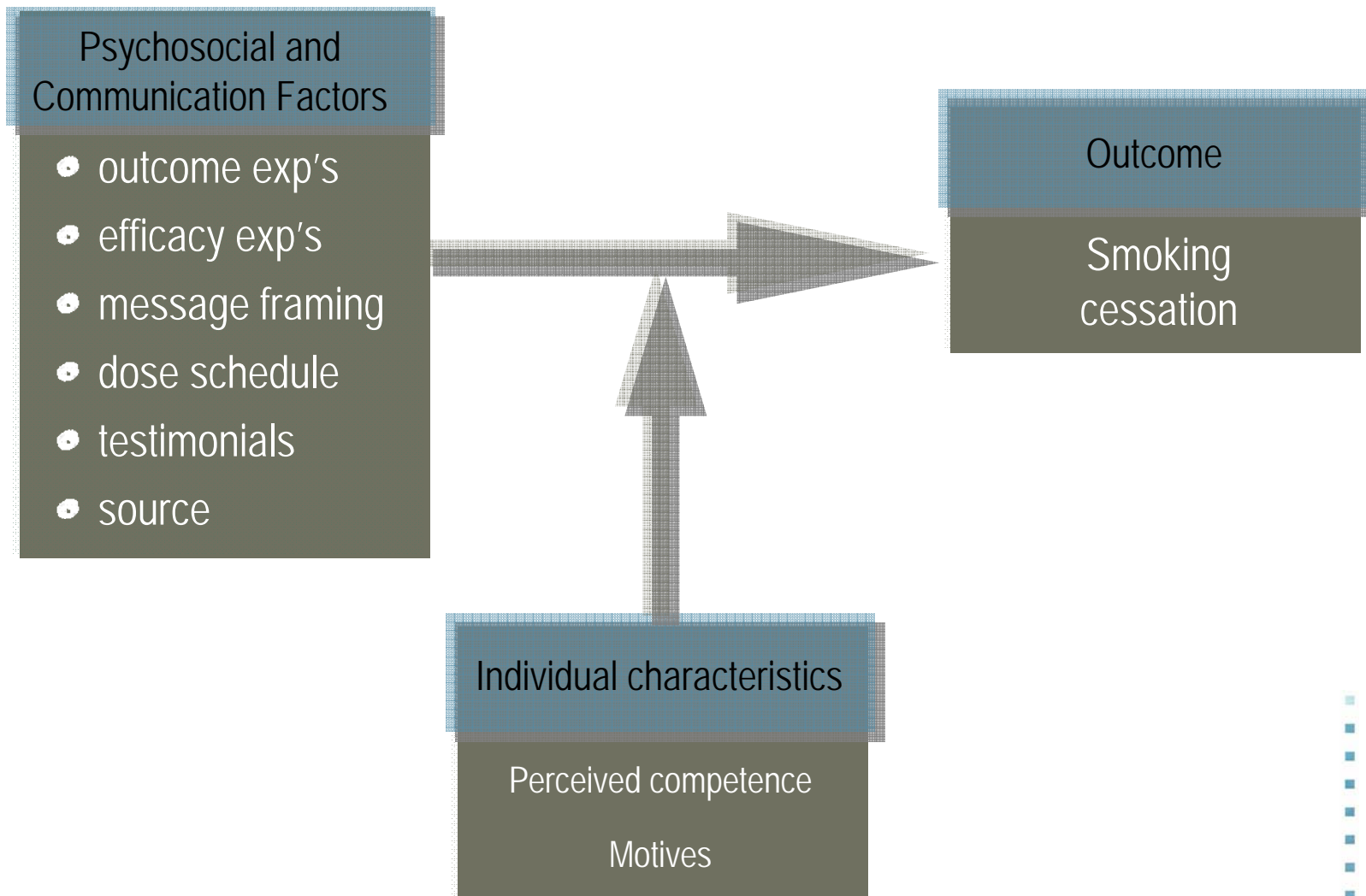
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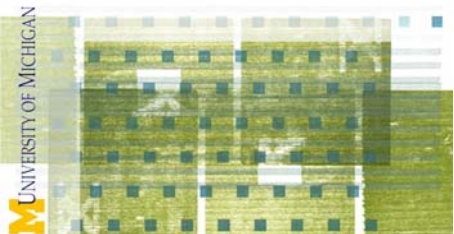
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# Project 1 (Strecher)





## Project 2: Ethnic and Motivational Tailoring

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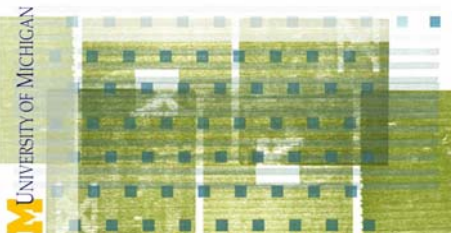
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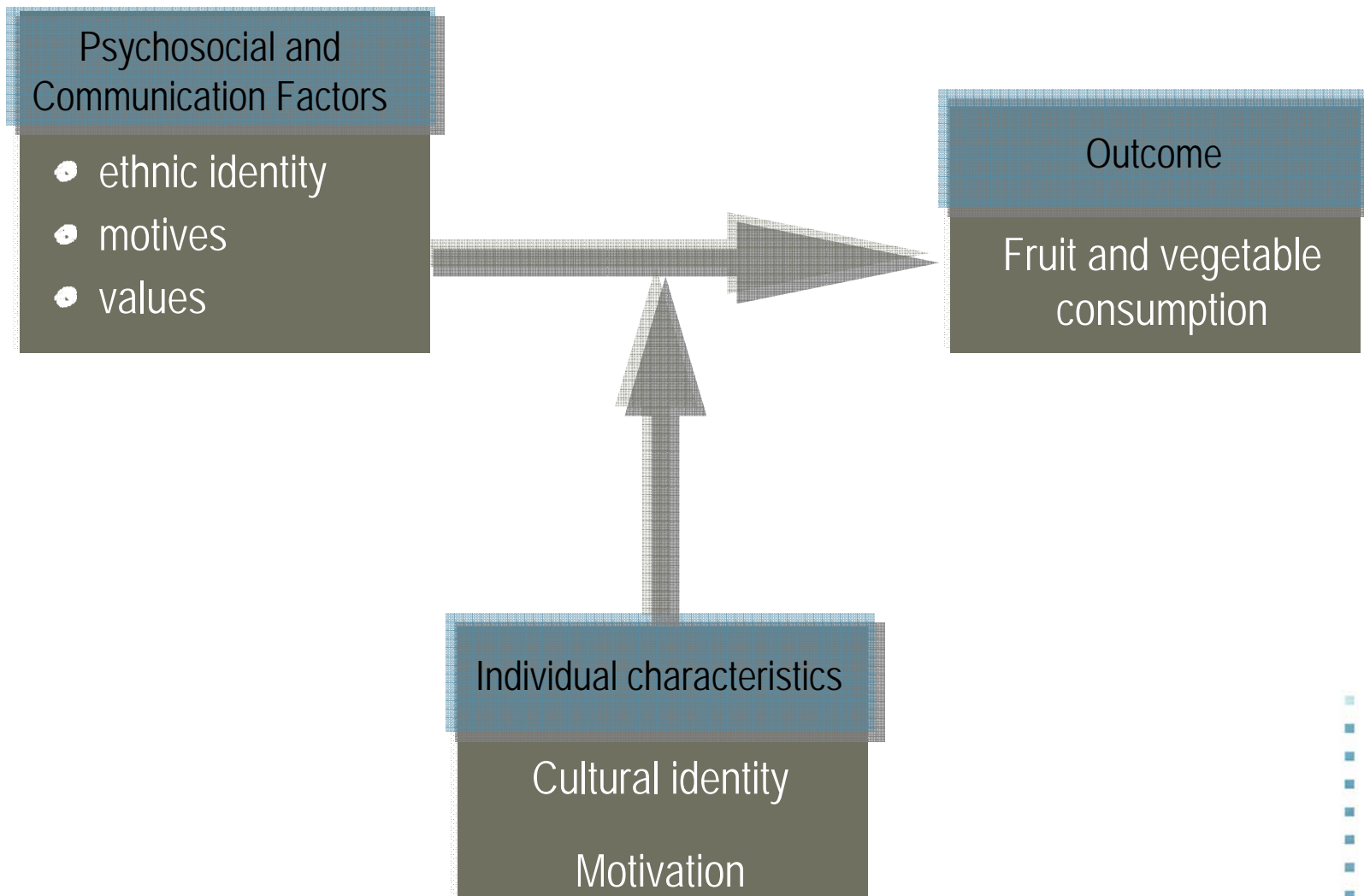
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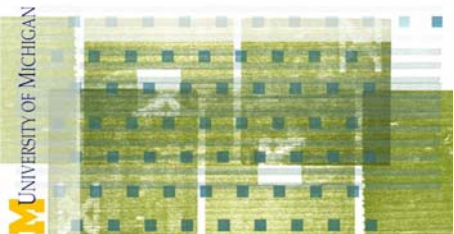
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## Project 2 (Resnicow)





## Project 3: Risk Communication: A Tamoxifen Prophylaxis Decision Aid

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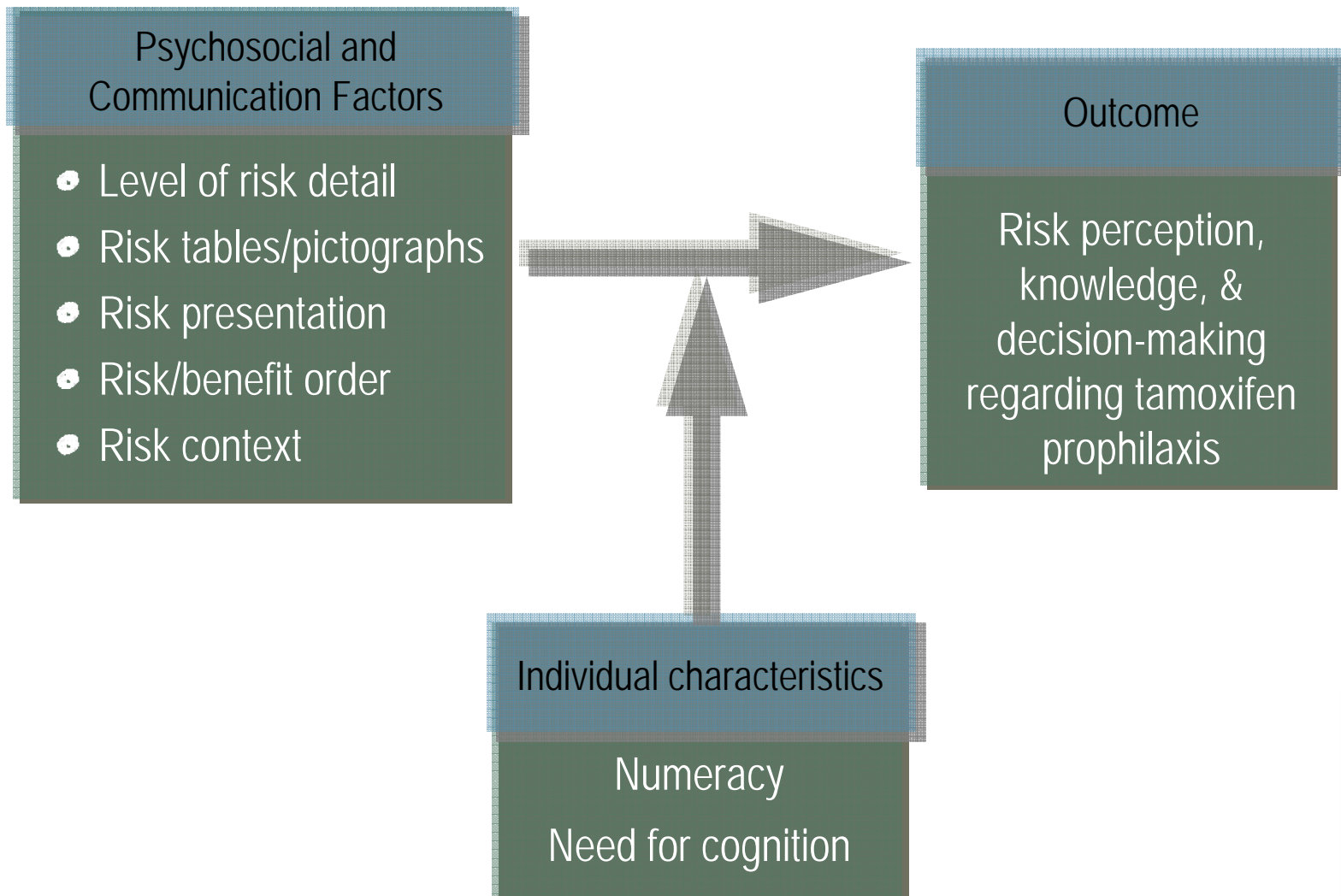
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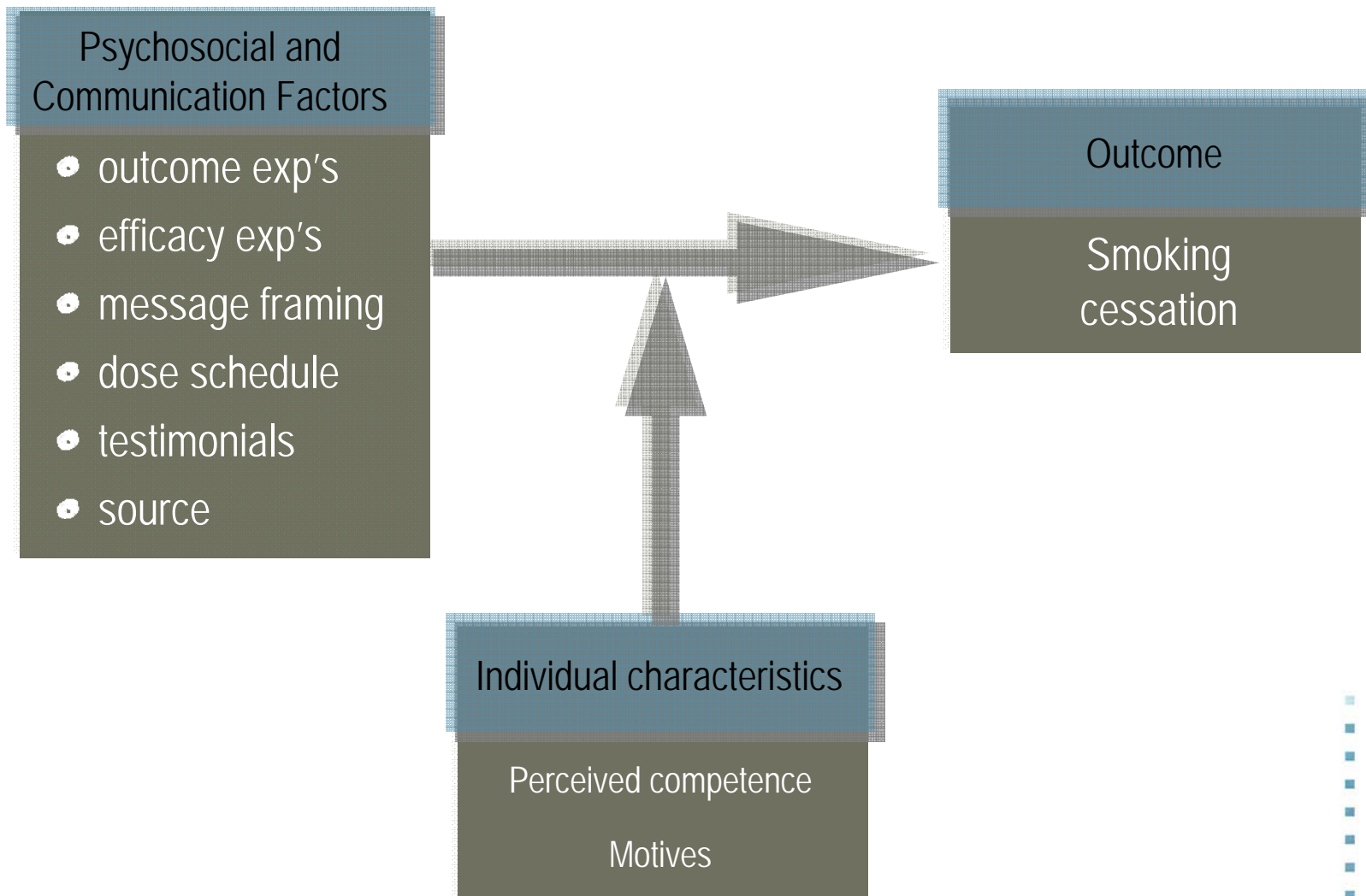
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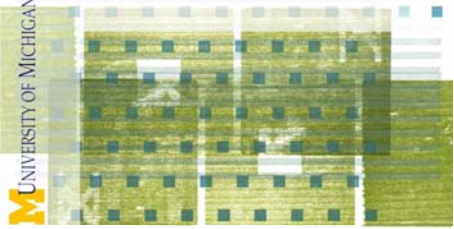
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## Project 3 (Ubel)



# Project 1 (Strecher)



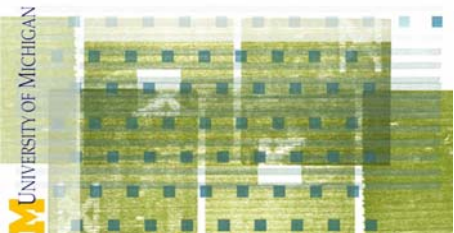


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3	no	no	loss	one	yes	HMO
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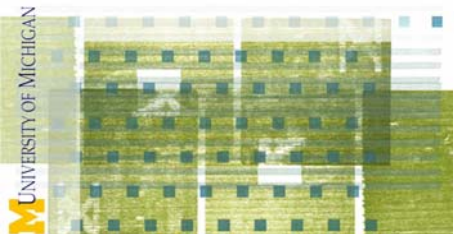
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## Fractional factorial design... source

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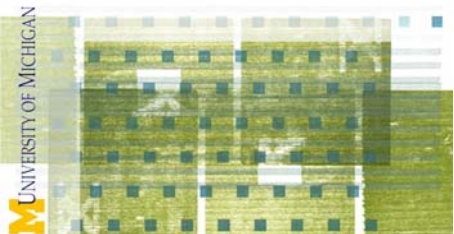


### Institution

[*The HMO*] wants to help you quit  
smoking...

### Team

The team at [*the HMO*] wants to support  
your effort to quit smoking...



## Fractional factorial design... outcome depth

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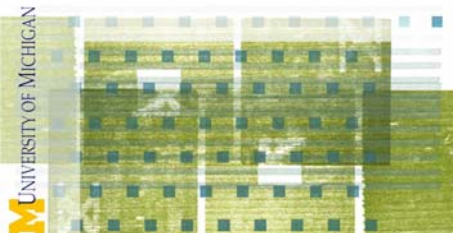
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### Low

Let's talk about your general motives for quitting...

### High

Let's talk about the specific motives and types of motives you have for quitting...



# Fractional factorial design... outcome framing

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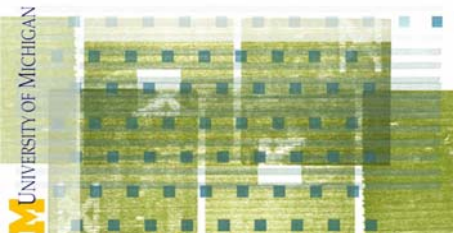
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## Loss

If you don't quit smoking, bad things will happen to you...

## Gain

If you quit smoking, good things will happen to you...



# Fractional factorial design... self-efficacy depth

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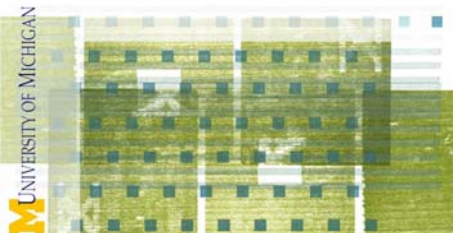
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## Low

Let's help you with your barriers to  
quitting...

## High

Let's help you with your very specific  
barriers to quitting and strategies you  
use to cope...



# Fractional factorial design... testimonial depth

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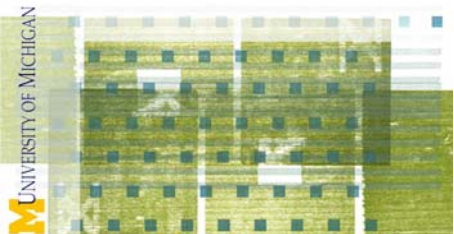
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**Low**

Here's a story of a successful quitter...

**High**

Here's a story of a successful quitter  
who was a lot like you...



# Fractional factorial design... exposure

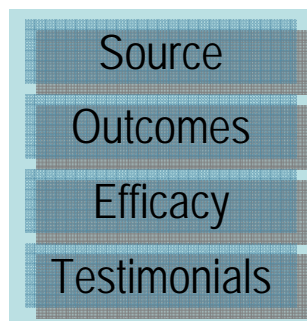
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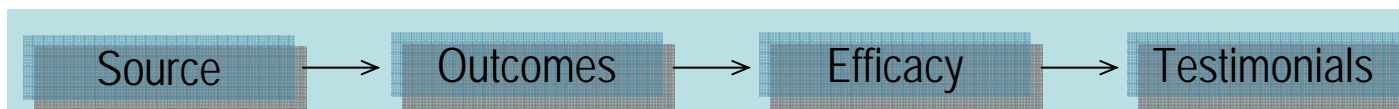
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## Single encounter



## Multiple encounters



## Introduction

Welcome back Brian! As we come to the end of your **Project Quit** guide, we'd like to leave you with some words of advice from Scott. Like you, he wanted to quit smoking but faced many challenges. Here's his story.

### Why did you decide to quit?

*I had several good reasons for quitting. First, I needed to save money for a new car and knew I was throwing a lot of money away buying cigarettes. Second, I didn't like leaving the fun when I'd have to step outside to smoke at places that didn't allow smoking inside. It made me feel like an outcast. Overall, I guess I just finally had enough.*

### How did you prepare for the change?

*Well, I had read that you have to change things that you do and how you think to stop smoking. So, about two weeks before I quit, I decided to track all my cigarettes. Every time I wanted one, I'd first write down why I wanted it and when I wanted it. Then I'd write why I wanted to quit.*



Low Tailored  
Testimonial -

Tailoring Variable  
Used In This Case:  
+ Gender



### Did you do anything different as your quit day approached?

*Yes. I usually smoked about a pack a day, but started cutting a few out each day just to see how I'd do. I'd play a game and would try to come up with 5 things I could be doing instead of sitting there idle, potentially smoking. Once I came up with the list, I could either reward myself and have a cigarette, or just go do something from the list. I also began to skip my "dessert" cigarette before bed.*

### Did tracking why you smoked help?

*Definitely. When I looked back over what I had tracked about my smoke breaks, what stood out the most was that I didn't always have a good reason to be smoking. I was just smoking to smoke.*

### Did you ask for help?

*Not initially, but once my friends and family knew how much I wanted to quit, they were very helpful, giving me lots of support. We spent a lot of time at the movies, sitting in the non-smoking sections of restaurants, visiting local stores and museums I hadn't been to in a while, and talking about how hard it is to quit. I can't believe how many people listened to me about how hard it was for me to quit.*

As we come to the end of your **Project Quit** guide, we'd like to leave you with some words of advice from Deb. Like you, she wanted to quit smoking but faced many challenges. Here's her story.

### Why did you decide to quit?

*I had several good reasons for quitting. First, we needed to save money to put towards a car that would actually work. Second, my husband wanted me to. Third, I didn't like leaving the fun when I'd have to step outside to smoke at places that didn't allow smoking inside. It made me feel like an outcast. Plus, it wasn't really fair to the kids for me to tell them not to smoke while I did. "Do as I say, not as I do" isn't such a great example to set.*

### How did you prepare for the change?

*I had heard that you have to change what you do and how you think to stop smoking, so I wanted to try something I actually thought I could do to help me quit. So about two weeks before I was going to quit, I began to walk first thing in the morning. I don't normally smoke right before or after exercising, so that helped me delay my first smoke of the day.*



## High Tailored Testimonial

### Tailoring Variables Used In This Case:

- + Age
- + Gender
- + Ethnicity
- + Marital status
- + Smoking status of spouse
- + Child in home
- + Physically active
- + Number of cigs smoked
- + Job status
- + Barrier
- + Social Support



### Did you try anything else as your quit day approached?

*Yes. I usually smoked about a pack a day, but started cutting a few out each day just to see how I'd do. I'd make a game out of it by trying to drive to work without a cigarette. Then if I really needed it, I'd have one on the way from the parking lot to the office. I also cut back on going to the bar and parties where I knew there would be a lot of smoking. And I began to skip my "dessert" cigarette before bed.*

### Did these things help?

*Definitely. By the time I quit, I was walking three days a week and beginning to feel better already.*

### Did you ask for help?

*I told my cousin Jason that I was going to need some help. If I say I'm going to do something, he doesn't cut me much slack until I do it, which is exactly what I needed. We spent a lot of time at the movies, sitting in the non-smoking sections of restaurants, and hanging out in other places that wouldn't tempt me. Of course, all I really needed to do was take one good look at my kids to make me feel good about my decision.*



# PROJECT Quit



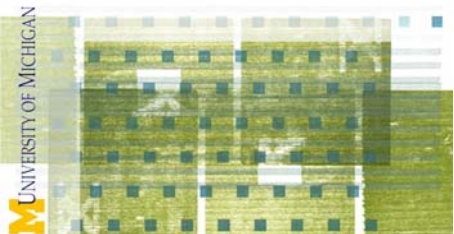
## Welcome to Project Quit!

Project Quit is an online smoking cessation program being developed by researchers at the University of Michigan, Group Health Cooperative, and Henry Ford Health System. Funding for this program is provided by the National Cancer Institute.



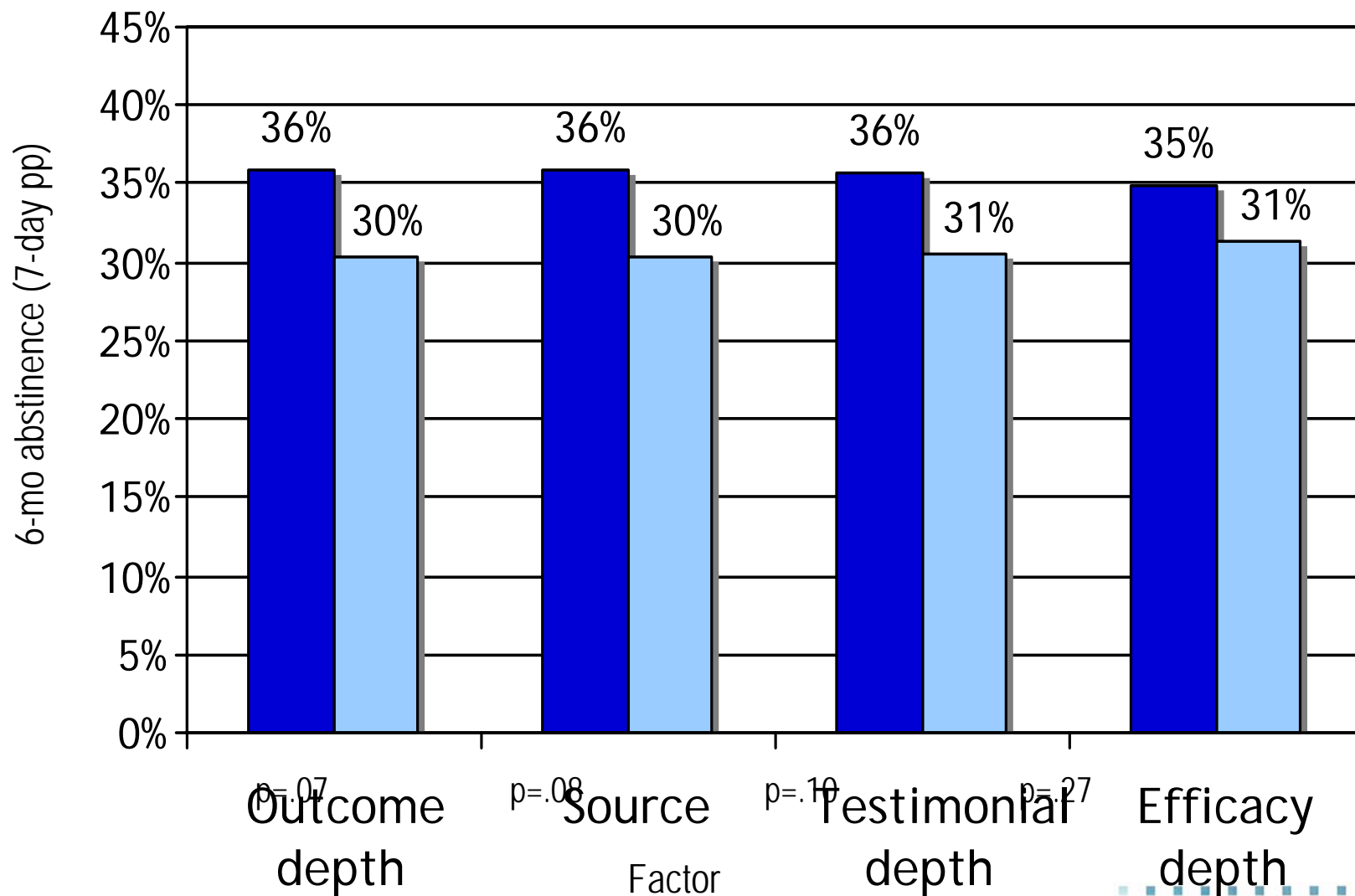
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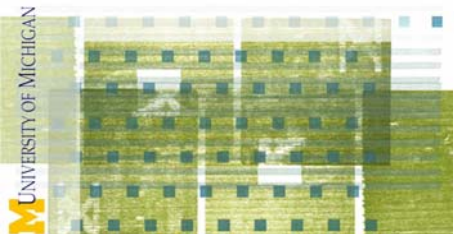
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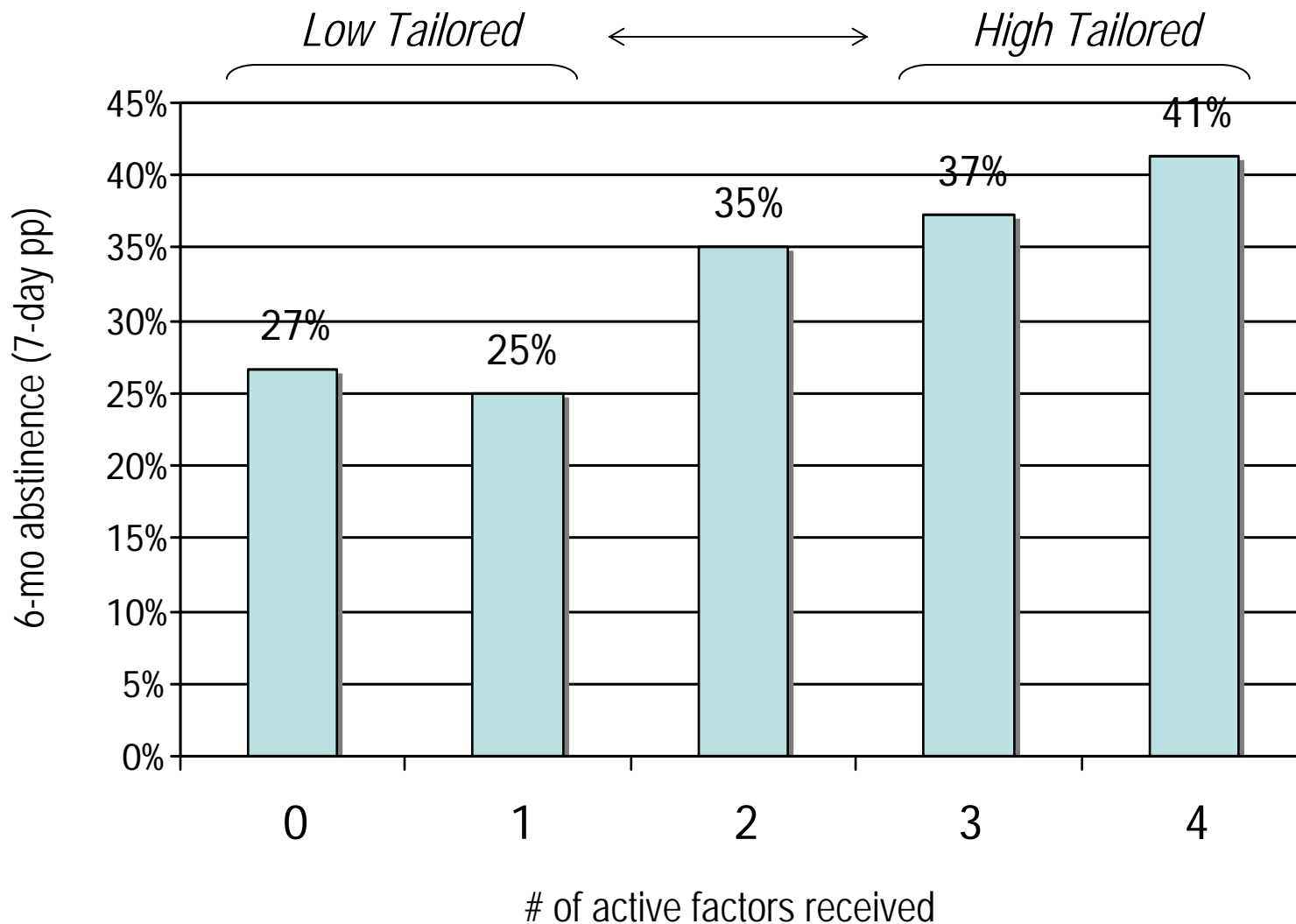
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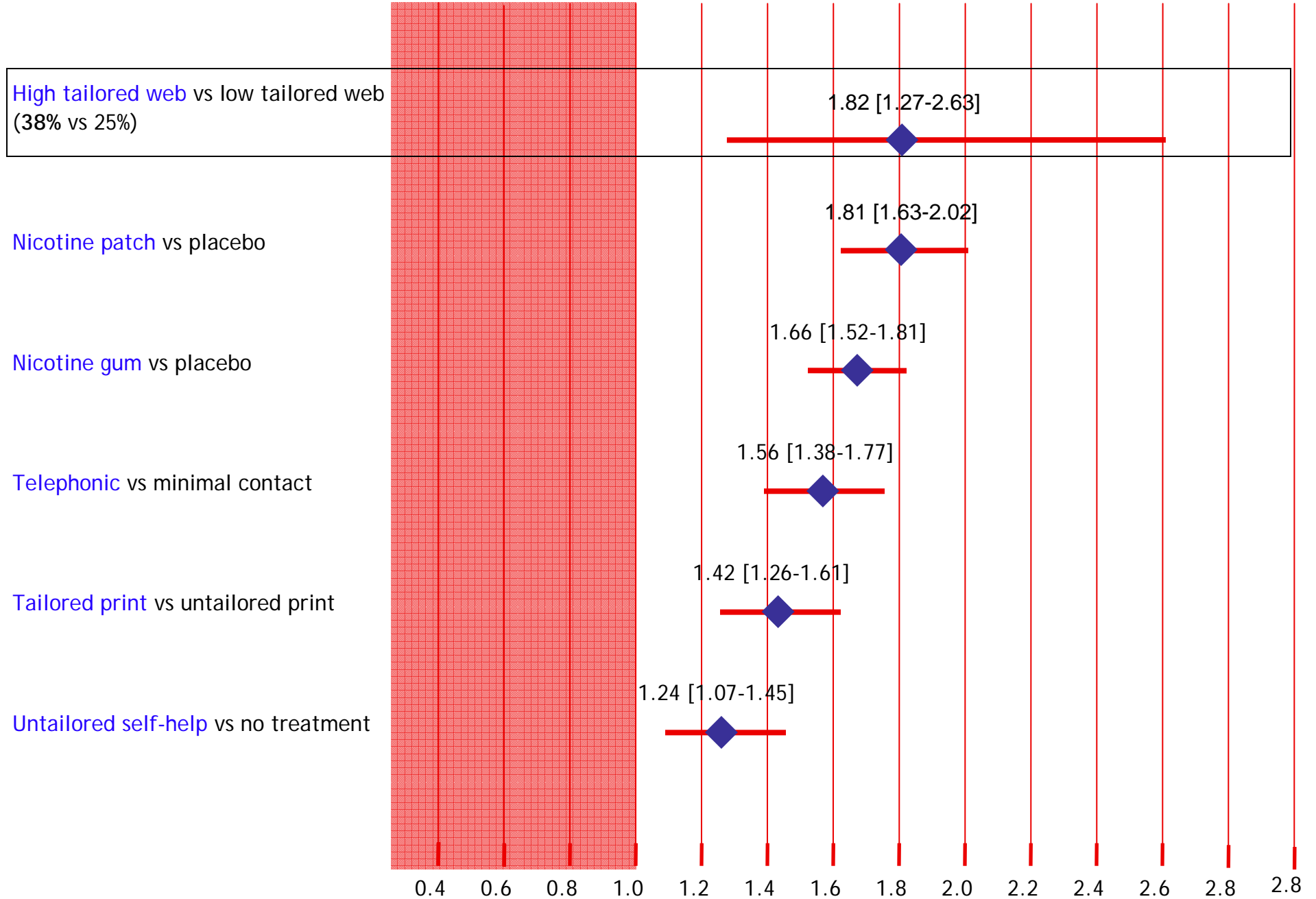


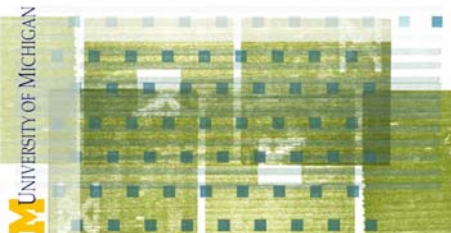
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Number of active factors received (efficacy, outcome, source, testimonial) by 6-mo abstinence (7-day point prevalence).  
(n=958; Wald  $X^2=12.1$ ;  $p<.02$ )



# Comparison of smoking cessation treatments (Cochrane reports: odds ratios)



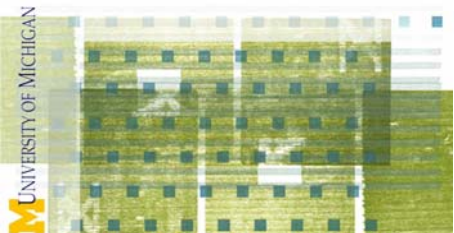


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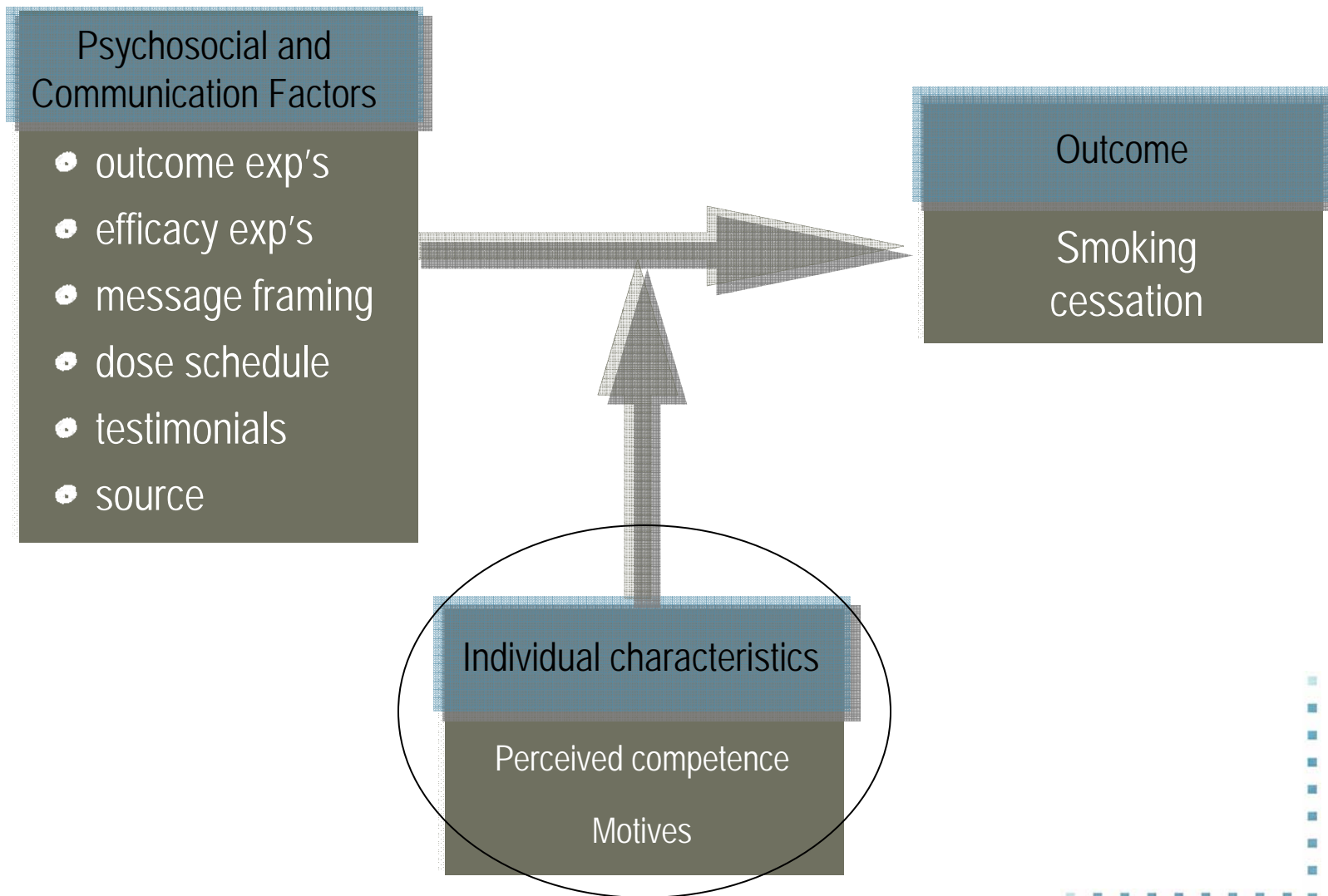
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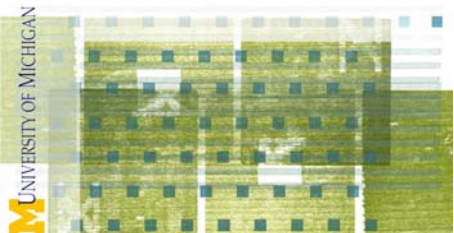
## New approaches to drug trials...

“Learning about differences in response to treatment is not so easy and requires that we do subset analysis.”



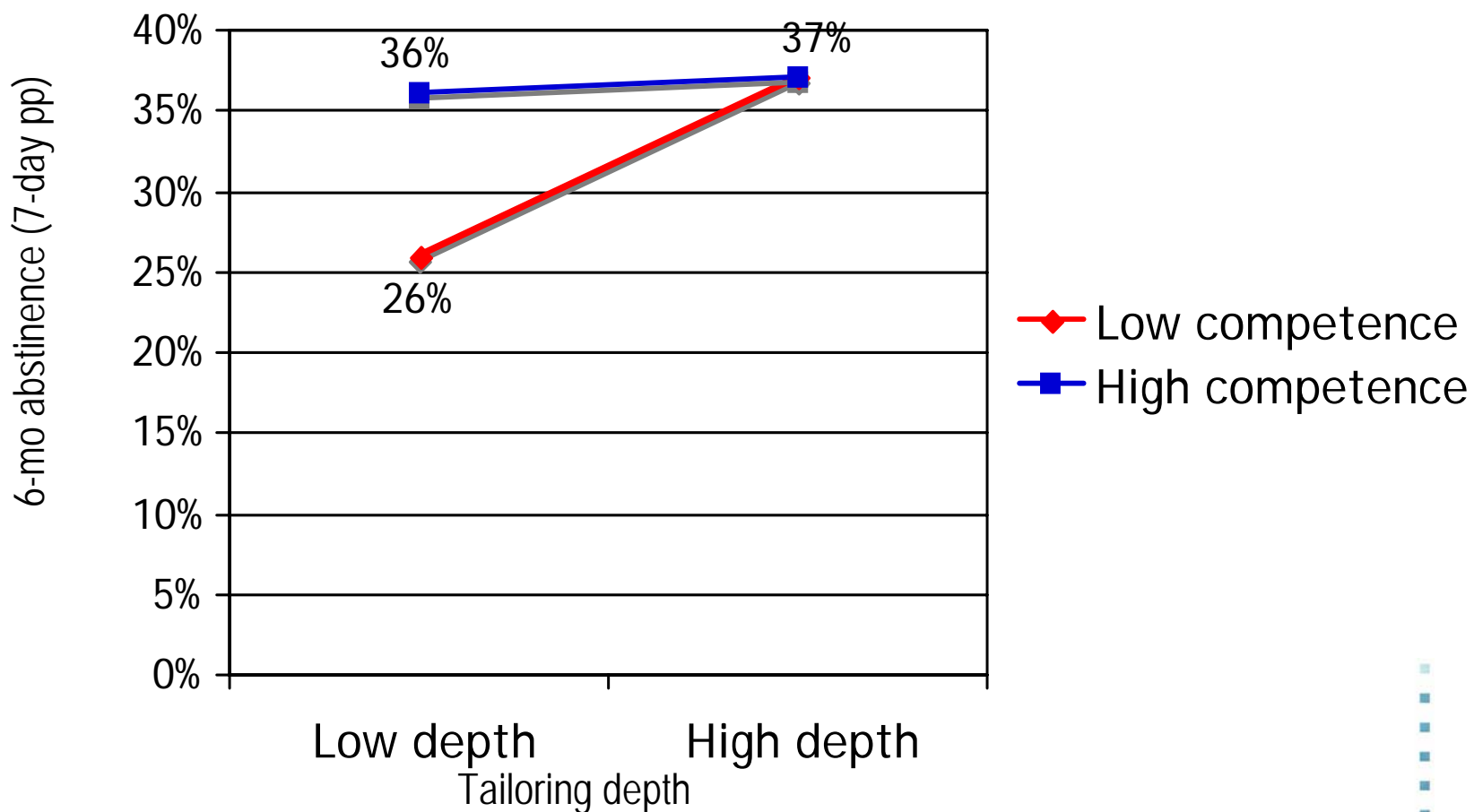
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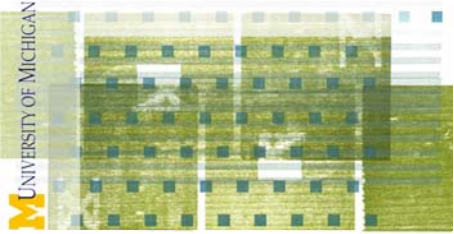




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Tailoring depth by 6-mo abstinence stratified by perceived competence. (n=958; Wald  $X^2$  of interaction = 3.1;  $p < .08$ )





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