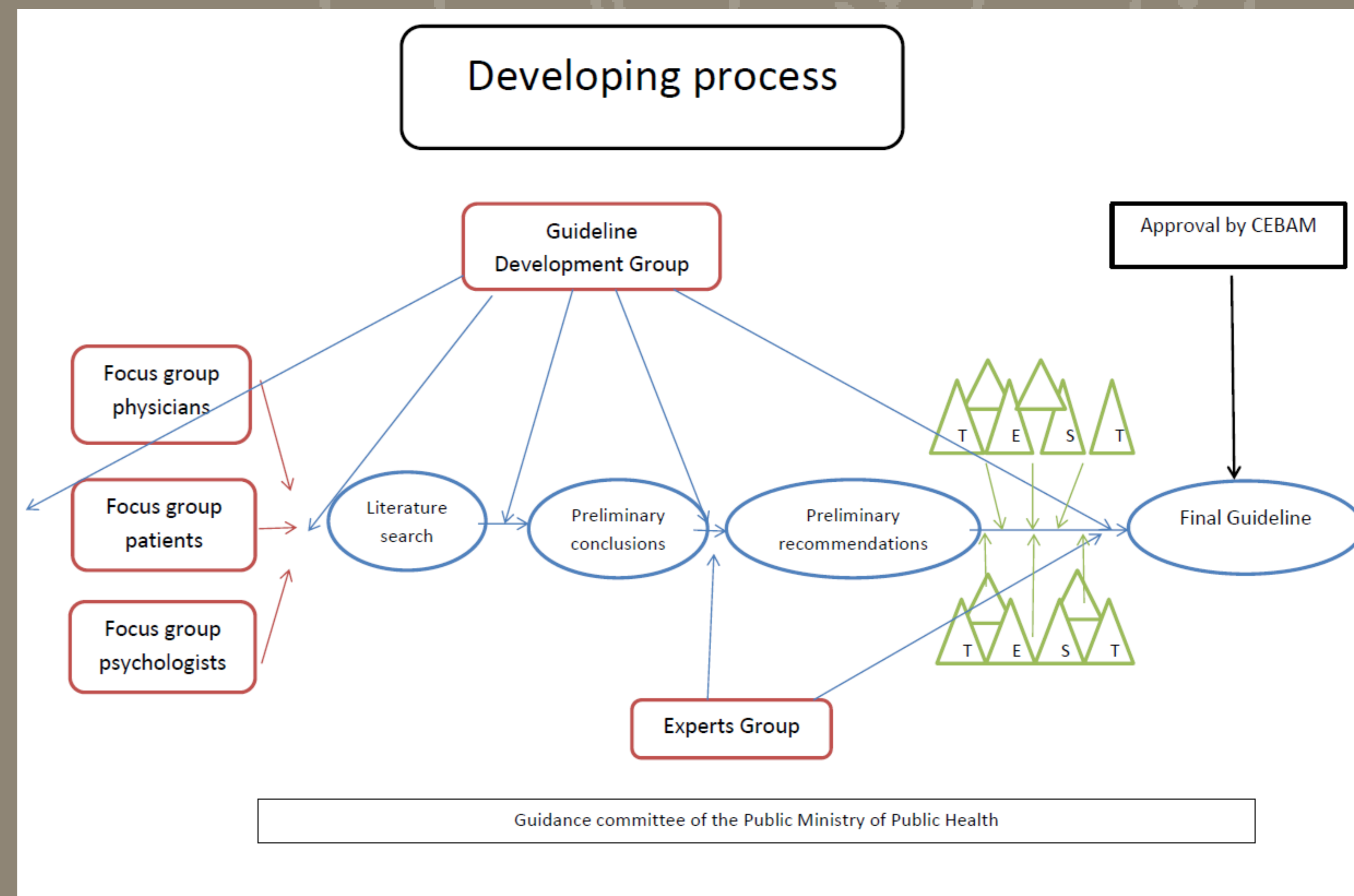


# Focus groups: a method of dialogue between clinicians and research

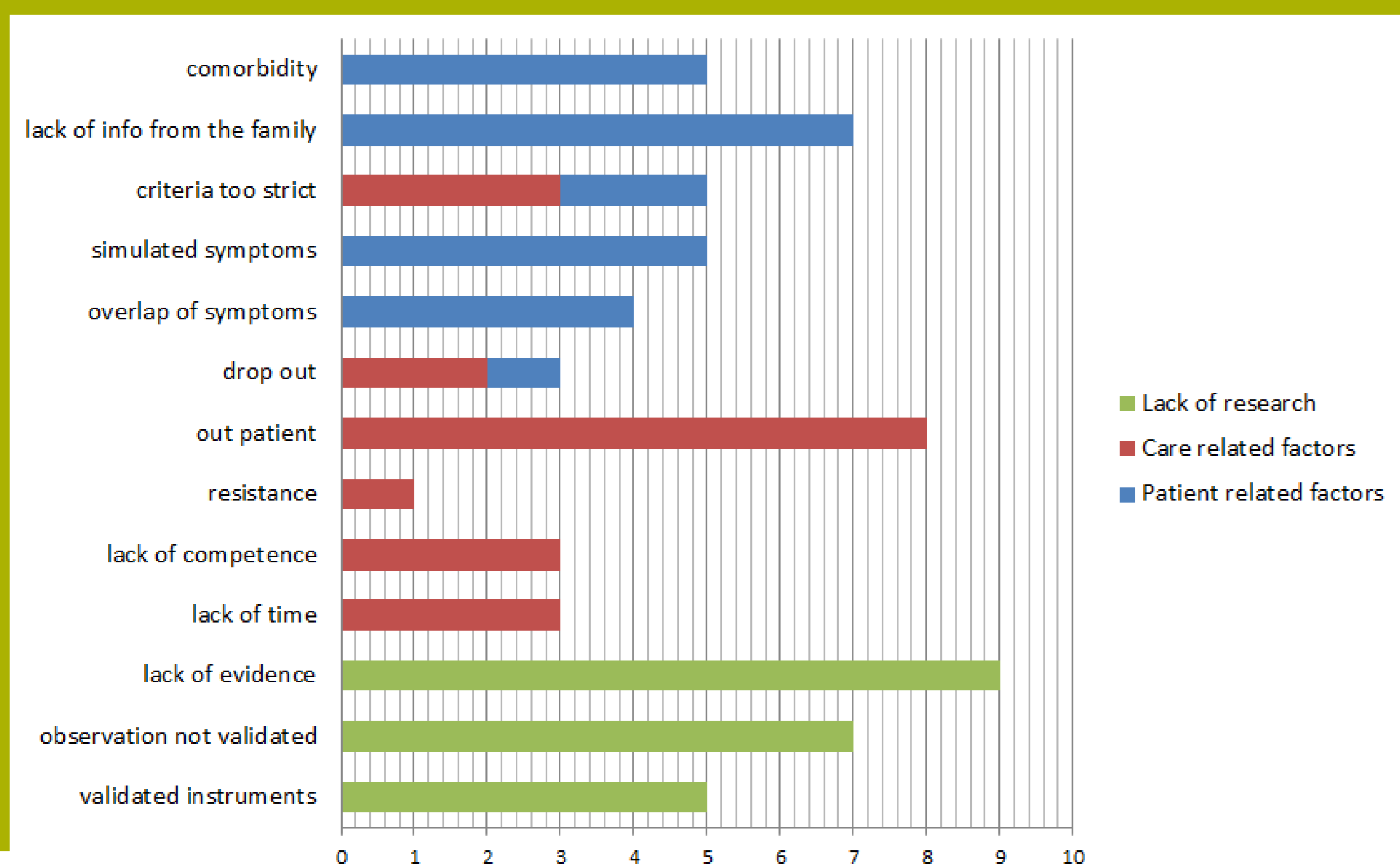
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## Grounds for this research

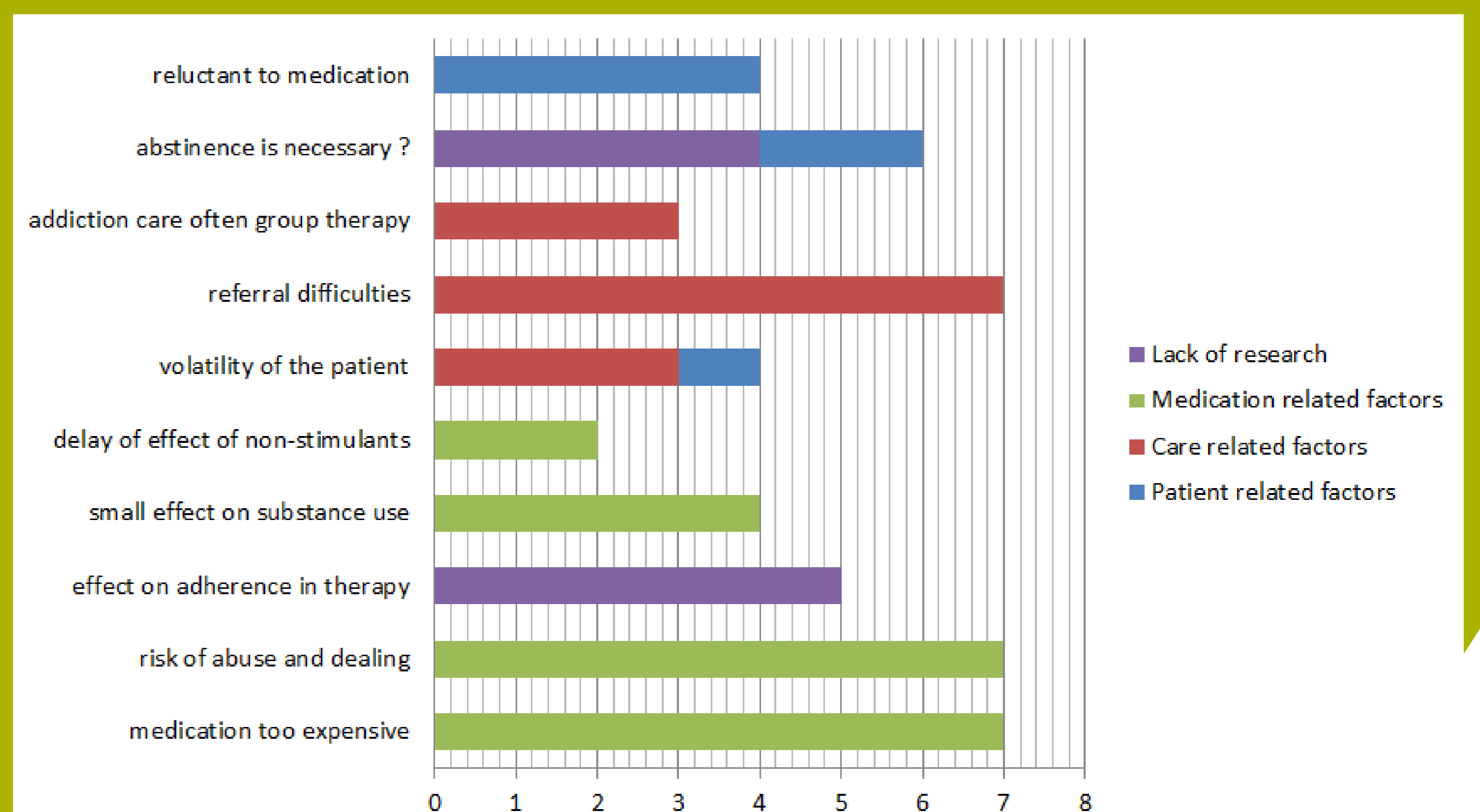
- high prevalence
- symptoms interfering with those of substance abuse
- in addiction care often unrecognized
- little research data
- current guidelines not useful in this population



## Problem areas in diagnosis



## Problem areas in treatment



## Conclusion

This is the first guideline for adults with ADHD and SUD

Focus groups is a valuable method to develop guidelines, especially given the lack of research data

Screening for ADHD is essential for all patients with SUD: ASRS is a sensible screening instrument with less specificity

The diagnostic requirements for ADHD in adults with SUD are too strict; both with regard to abstinence as to the need for contact with the family

The treatment must be integrated in the usual addiction treatment program

There is a need for an **European guideline**