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1	How confident are you that there is a standard definition of TRD that can be applied to Medicare beneficiaries in clinical research studies of therapies for this disease?	4	5	2	4	4	3	4	3	5	3	5	5	4	**3.78**	**3.92**

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2	If intermediate confidence (≥ 2.5) is noted above, please vote by *"yes or no"* as to whether the following are important defining characteristics of TRD that are to be considered in clinical research:													
	The number, duration, dosage, and/or classes of antidepressants attempted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	The use of augmentation/combination pharmacological therapies	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	Type of depressive episode (unipolar, bipolar, psychotic, atypical, other)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	The use of nonpharmacological treatments such as electroconvulsive therapy	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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3	If intermediate confidence (≥ 2.5) is noted in Question #1, how confident are you that this definition can be applied to Medicare beneficiaries:															
	1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence															
	a. In primary care settings?	4	2	2	4	3	1	3	3	2	2	4	4	3	**2.67**	**2.85**
	b. In general psychiatric settings?	4	3	4	5	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	**3.89**	**4.08**
	c. In specialty psychiatric settings?	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	**4.78**	**4.77**

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4	How confident are you that each of the below is a reliable, valid and meaningful health outcome for Medicare beneficiaries in a trial of an intervention for TRD?															
	1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence															
	a. Improvement or decline in depression as measured by depression scales	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	**4.44**	**4.62**
	b. Improvement or decline in function	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	**4.56**	**4.38**
	c. Improvement or decline in quality of life	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	**4.56**	**4.38**

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5	How confident are you that the strategies below, when applied to Medicare beneficiaries, represent meaningful and realistic study designs in research investigations performed to evaluate interventions for TRD?															
	1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence															
	a. Randomized sham-controlled double blinded study	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	**4.78**	**4.69**
	b. Randomized sham-controlled single blinded study	3	2	4	2	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	**3.67**	**3.77**
	c. Randomized controlled unblinded study	1	2	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	5	2	3	2	**2.44**	**2.62**