



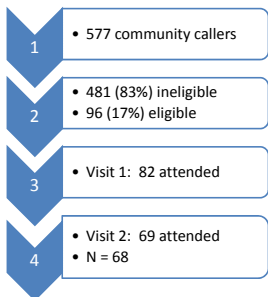
### RECRUITMENT & SAMPLE SELECTION

**Inclusion**

- History of divorce
- 45–60 years of age
- Postmenopausal

**Exclusion**

- Current IPV
- Chronic conditions
- Medications



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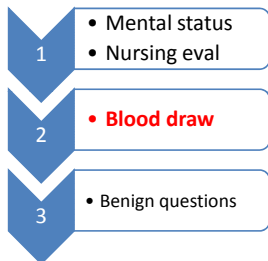
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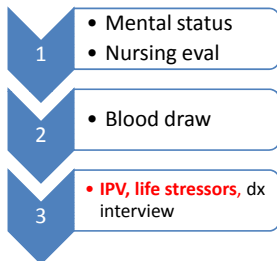
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### RESEARCH VISITS

**Visit 1**



**Visit 2**



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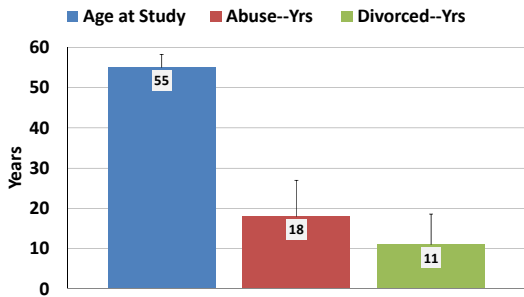
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### AGE & RELATIONSHIP CHARACTERISTICS



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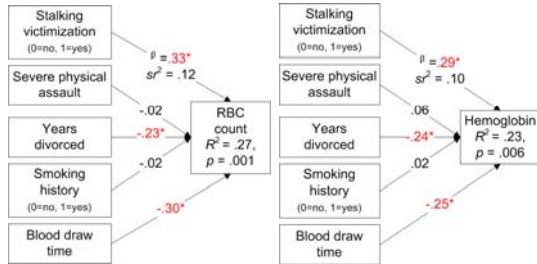
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**MULTIPLE REGRESSION**



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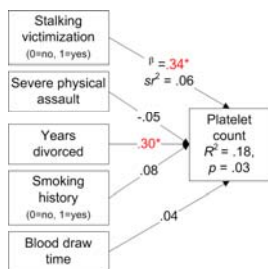
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**MULTIPLE REGRESSION**



- Summary**
- Stalking history predicted
    - Higher RBC count
    - Higher hemoglobin concentration
    - Higher platelet count
  - Years divorced predicted
    - Lower RBC count
    - Lower hemoglobin concentration
    - Higher platelet count
  - Associations held after adjusting for smoking history and time of blood draw
  - Past-year stressful life events: no evidence for mediation

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**LIMITATIONS**

- Exploratory
- Small sample
- Select sample
- Clinical significance?
- Health behaviors
- Subclinical disease?

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**POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Stalking victimization, an understudied IPV type, may be of particular relevance for women's health
  - Stalking, or fear and life threat?
  - Stalking, or marker of overall IPV exposure?
  - Is psychological stress of stalking unique?
    - Uncertainty
    - Unpredictability
- Effects apparent in healthy, post-abused women
  - Potential health costs may persist after IPV ends
  - ...and after symptoms end
  - Biological mechanisms?
  - Select, healthy midlife sample may underestimate effects
- Health of post-abused women deserves more attention

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