Studies included from Sharpley (2015) (n = 81)

Studies that Sharpley (2015) excluded due to sample overlap (n = 2)

Total studies (n = 83)

Studies included in analysis (n = 73)

Excluded studies (n = 10):
- Outcome not depression-related (n = 4)
- No stressor (n = 1)
- Entire sample depressed (n = 3)
- Abstract does not report on 5-HTTLPR (n = 1)
- Abstract does not report on depression outcome (n = 1)

Negative studies (n = 38)

Unclear studies (n = 11)

Positive studies (n = 24)

Studies with a positive focus (n = 13)

Studies with a partially positive focus (n = 9)

Studies without a positive focus (n = 16)