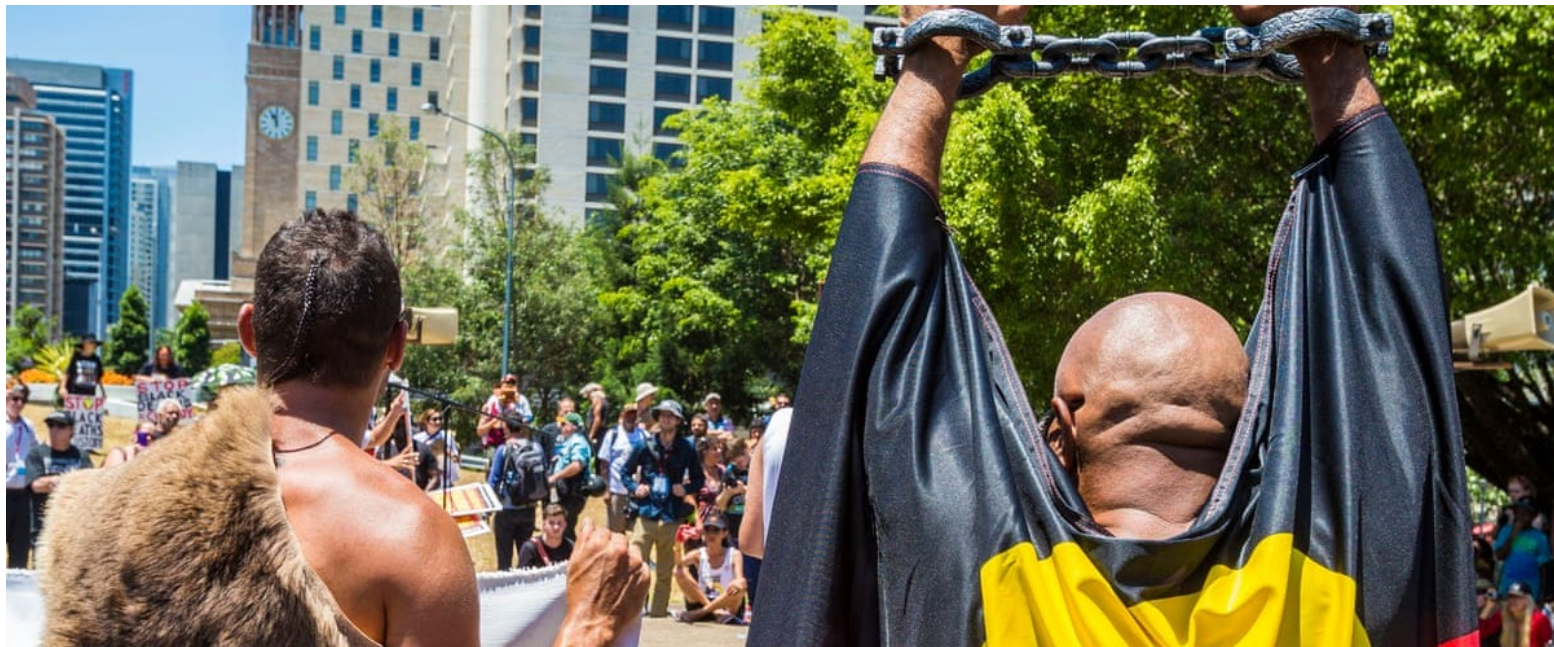


# **Long-Acting Injectable Buprenorphine (LAIB) in Prison: A report on qualitative data from patients who commenced treatment during a clinical trial**

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# Acknowledgements



# Background



## Challenge

- Opioid use is common in many CJS
- Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) ↓ harms
- Access limitations



## Opportunity

- Now option for LAIB
  - **Widespread use in CJS.....**



## Gap

- Perspectives of participants in CJS

**AIM:** To explore the perspectives of people currently incarcerated and receiving LAIB

# Methods



## Study design

- Thematic analysis on open-ended, researcher transcribed face-to-face surveys
- Collected as a part of the UNLOC-T study (up to week 48 following initiation)



## Participants

- Recruitment: November 2018 - July 2019
- Any LAIB participant from UNLOC-T



## Analysis

- Open, refined, and axial coding

# Results

67 participants

82% male

42% Aboriginal

Median age: 33 (STD 7.51)

5 themes emerged..



# 1. Medication effectiveness

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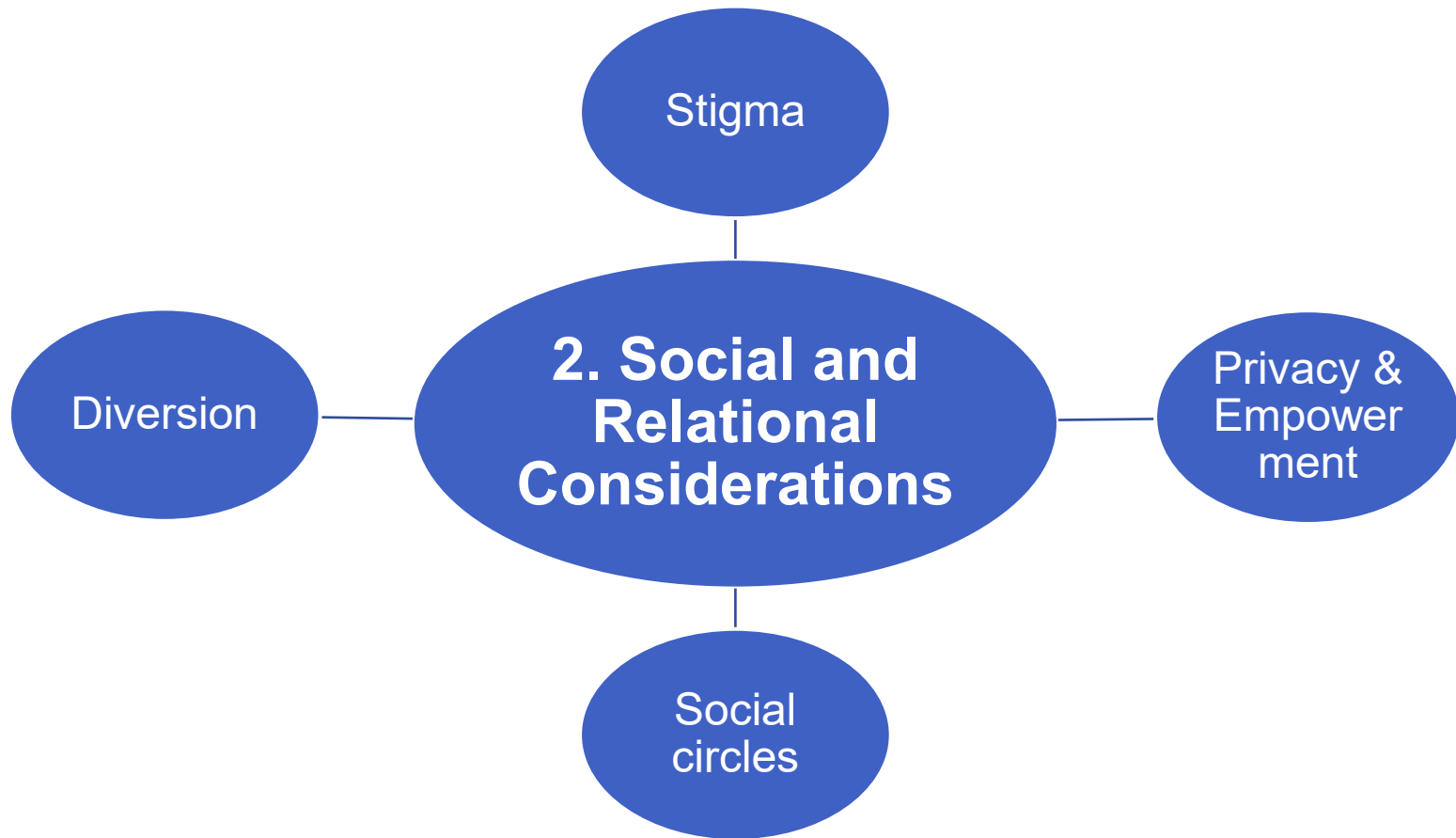
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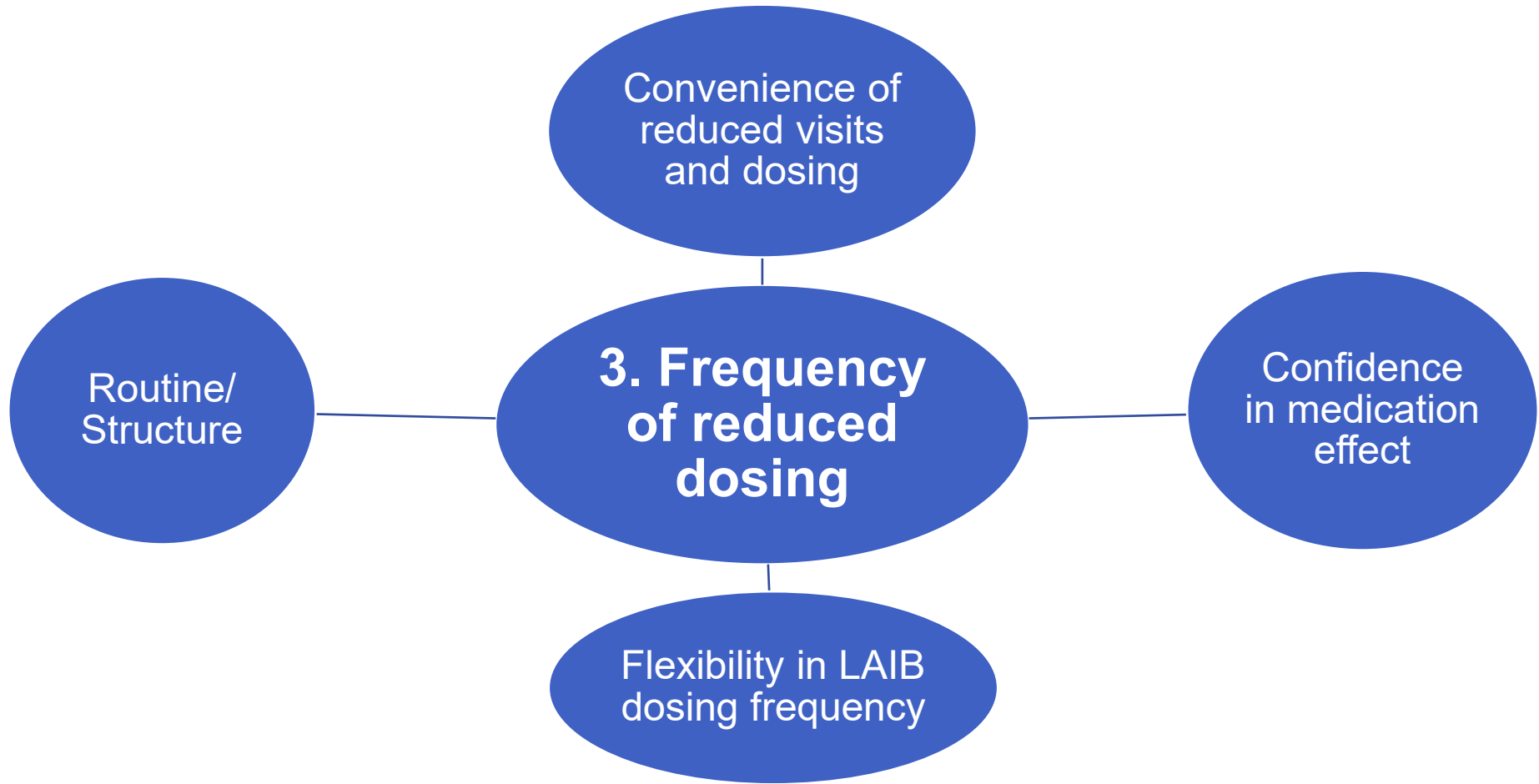
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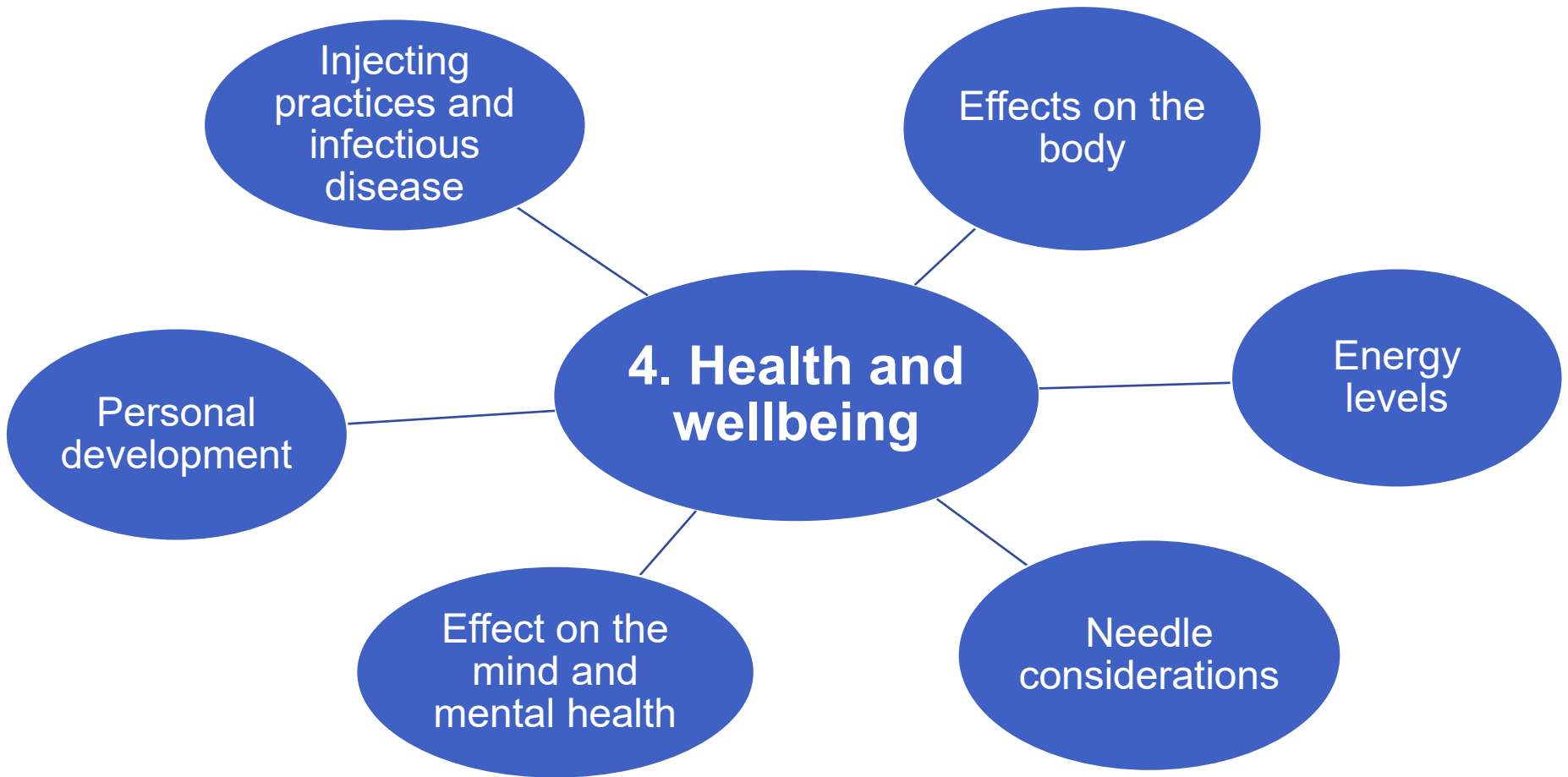
- Right dose
- Access to extraneous substances
- Psychological
- Personal control

Effect on other substance use









## 5. Financial and economic aspects



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graph TD; A([5. Financial and economic aspects]) --- B([Employment opportunities]); A --- C([Less expenses])
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Employment opportunities

Less expenses

# Discussion- Take-away points



## Another option

- Retention benefits for some



## Tailor treatment to client

- Pitfalls and benefits

# Discussion- Future Research



Longer term retention- Is it enough to keep people engaged in treatment on release?



Changes with new accessibility (PBS, procedures/policy)  
→ ? effect on perception



Which cohorts do better, and which do worse? Indications for or against?

# Thankyou