Online Appendix

Supplement to: The Prevalence of Anxiety in General Hospital Inpatients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

This appendix has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

Search strategies

We ran searches in August 2019. We updated them in December 2020.

Ovid Medline (1946 to 2020)

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Ovid Embase (1974 to 2020)

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Ovid PsycINFO (1806 to 2020)

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Summary of the DSM and ICD diagnostic criteria for anxiety disorders

Diagnostic	Classification of	Diagnostic criteria for	Diagnostic criteria for
system	Anxiety disorders	Panic disorder	Generalized anxiety disorder
DSM-III	Phobic disorders	≥ 3 panic attacks within a 3-week period, not	Generalised, persistent anxiety with
	- Agoraphobia with panic attacks	precipitated by exposure to a circumscribed	symptoms from ≥ 3 of: motor tension,
	- Agoraphobia without panic attacks	phobic stimulus.	autonomic hyperactivity, apprehensive
	- Social phobia		expectation, vigilance and scanning.
	- Simple phobia	Not due to a physical disorder or another	
	Anxiety states	mental disorder.	Continuous for ≥ 1 month.
	- Panic disorder		
	- Generalised Anxiety Disorder	Not associated with agoraphobia.	Not due to another mental disorder.
	- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder		
	- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Acute		
	- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Chronic or		
	Delayed		
	- Atypical anxiety disorder		
DSM-III-R	Panic disorder with agoraphobia	≥ 1 panic attack that were unexpected and not	Unrealistic or excessive anxiety and worry
	Panic disorder without agoraphobia	triggered by situations in which the person	about ≥ 2 life circumstances for ≥ 6 months,
	Agoraphobia without history of panic disorder	was the focus of others' attention.	during which the person has been bothered
	Social phobia		more days than not by these concerns.
	Simple phobia	Either 4 attacks within a 4-week period or ≥ 1	
	Obsessive-compulsive disorder	attack have been followed by at least 1 month	If another Axis I disorder is present, the
	Post-traumatic stress disorder	of persistent fear of having another attack.	focus of the anxiety and worry is unrelated
	Generalised Anxiety Disorder		to it.
	Anxiety disorder not otherwise specified	During at least some of the attacks, ≥ 4	
		symptoms developed suddenly and increased	The disturbance does not occur only during
		in intensity within 10 minutes of the beginning	the course of a mood disorder or psychotic
		of the first symptom noticed in the attack.	disorder.

		It cannot be established that an organic factor initiated and maintained the disturbance.	≥ 6 are often present from: trembling, twitching or feeling shaky; muscle tension, aches or soreness; restlessness; easy fatigability; shortness of breath or smothering sensations; palpitations or accelerated heart rate; sweating or cold clammy hands; dry mouth; dizziness or lightheadedness; nausea, diarrhea or other abdominal distress; flushes or chills; frequent urination; trouble swallowing or 'lump in throat'; feeling keyed up or on edge; exaggerated startle response; difficulty concentrating or 'mind going blank' because of anxiety; trouble falling or staying asleep; irritability. It cannot be established that an organic factor initiated and maintained the disturbance.
DSM-IV	Panic disorder without agoraphobia Panic disorder with agoraphobia Agoraphobia without history of panic disorder Specific phobia Social phobia Obsessive-compulsive disorder Posttraumatic stress disorder	Recurrent unexpected panic attacks. ≥ 1 attack has been followed by ≥ 1 month of: persistent concern about having additional attacks, worry about implications or consequence of attack, or significant change in behaviour related to attacks.	Excessive anxiety and worry more days than not for ≥ 6 months about a number of events or activities. The person finds it difficult to control the worry.
	Acute stress disorder Generalised anxiety disorder Anxiety disorder due to a general medical condition	Attacks are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance or general medical condition.	≥ 3 present (at least some on most days for ≥ 6 months) from: restlessness or feeling keyed up or on edge; being easily fatigued; difficulty concentrating or mind going

	Substance-induced anxiety disorder	Attacks are not better accounted for by	blank; irritability; muscle tension; sleep
	Anxiety disorder not otherwise specified	another mental disorder.	disturbance.
			The focus of anxiety is not confined to features of an Axis I disorder (e.g. to panic attacks in Panic disorder).
			The anxiety, worry or physical symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in functioning.
			The disturbance is not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance or general medical condition.
ICD-9	Anxiety states	No specific criteria described.	No specific criteria described.
	- Anxiety neurosis		
	- Anxiety reaction	Anxiety states are described as combinations	Anxiety states are described as
	- Anxiety state	of physical and mental manifestations of	combinations of physical and mental
	- Panic attack	anxiety, not attributable to real danger and	manifestations of anxiety, not attributable
	- Panic disorder	occurring in attacks or as a persisting state.	to real danger and occurring in attacks or as
	- Panic state		a persisting state.
	Phobic state		
	- Agoraphobia		
	- Animal phobias		
	- Anxiety-hysteria		
	- Claustrophobia		
	- Phobia not otherwise specified		

ICD-10	Phobic anxiety disorders	Several attacks of autonomic anxiety within a	Primary symptoms of anxiety most days for
	- Agoraphobia without panic disorder	period of about 1 month in circumstances	at least several weeks at a time and usually
	- Agoraphobia with panic disorder	where there is no objective danger, without	for several months.
	- Social phobias	being confined to known or predictable	
	- Specific (isolated) phobias	situations, and with comparative freedom	Symptoms should usually involve elements
	- Other phobic anxiety disorders	from anxiety symptoms between attacks.	of: apprehension, motor tension and
	- Phobic anxiety disorder, unspecified		autonomic overactivity.
	Other anxiety disorders	Only diagnosed in the absence of any of the	
	- Panic disorder (episodic paroxysmal anxiety)	phobias.	Must not meet the full criteria for
	- Generalised Anxiety Disorder		depressive episode, phobic anxiety
	- Mixed anxiety and depressive disorder		disorder, panic disorder or obsessive-
	- Other mixed anxiety disorders		compulsive disorder.
	- Other specified anxiety disorders		
	- Anxiety disorder, unspecified		

N.B. Symptoms required to diagnose a panic attack are described separately

Methodological quality assessment of relevant studies

Study	Consecutive or random sample	Caseness clearly defined	Data available on ≥70% eligible patients		
Abiodun 1990	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Akinsulore 2015	No	Yes	Unknown		
Al-Atram 2018	No	Yes	Unknown		
Alexander 1993	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ames 1994	No	Unknown	Unknown		
Arolt 1997	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Arora 2019	Unknown	Yes	Unknown		
Austin 2011	Unknown	Yes	Yes		
Beausang 1998	Yes	No	Yes		
Boizonave 2003	Unknown	No	Unknown		
Booth 1998	Yes	Yes	Unknown		
Burn 1993	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Buzgova 2014	Unknown	Yes	Unknown		
Buzgova 2015	Unknown	Yes	Yes		
Capocaccia 1993	Unknown	No	Unknown		
Cardoso 2010	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Castro-Camacho 2012	Yes	No	Unknown		
Celano 2013	Yes	Yes	No		
Chaturvedi 1994	Yes	No	Unknown		
De Fazio 2017	Yes	Yes	Unknown		
de Moraes 2010	Unknown	Yes	Yes		
Dicker 2011	Unknown	Yes	No		
Dogar 2008	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Dyster-Aas 2008	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Esteghamat 2014	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Feldman 1987	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Fritzsche 2001	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Gascon 2012	Unknown	No	Unknown		
Giles Gordon 1992	Yes	No	Yes		
Gopalan 2016	Yes	Yes	Unknown		
Gorini 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Grassi 1996	Unknown	No	Yes		
Gullich 2013	Unknown	Yes	Yes		
Gurr 2012	Unknown	Yes	Yes		
Hadi 2010	Yes	Yes	Unknown		
Hansen 2001	Yes	Yes	No		
Hardman 1989	Yes	Yes	Unknown		
Harter 2000	Unknown	Yes	Yes		

Hernandez-Palazon 2015	No	Yes	Unknown
Hosaka 1994	Unknown	Yes	Unknown
Hosaka 1996	Unknown	Yes	Unknown
Huang 2019	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jafar 2009	No	Yes	Unknown
Jenkins 1994	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kathol 1992	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kayhan 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelleci 2009	Unknown	Yes	Unknown
Keller 2004	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kigamwa 1991	Yes	Yes	Yes
Koc 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes
Köroğlu 2010	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kvaal 2001	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Latif 2017	No	Yes	Unknown
Lepine 1986	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Li 2018	Yes	Yes	Yes
Liu 2017	No	Yes	Unknown
Lykouras 1996	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madianos 2001	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marchesi 2001	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Marchesi 2004	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marco Sanjuan 1999	Unknown	No	Yes
Marcolino 2007	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Marcolino 2007	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Martucci 1999	No	Yes	No
Mazeraud 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meyer 2002	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mina 2012	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Minagawa 1996	No	Yes	Yes
Mirani 2019	Unknown	Yes	Unknown
Mohammed 2014	No	Yes	Unknown
Mulugeta 2018	No	Yes	Yes
Nagle-Yang 2019	Unknown	Yes	No
Ni Mhaolain 2008	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Niecke 2019	Unknown	Yes	No
Nigussie 2014	No	Yes	Yes
Palmu 2010, 2011	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul 2013	No	Yes	Unknown
Phillips 1996	Yes	No	No
Prieto 2002	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rincon 2001	Yes	Yes	Yes

Şahan 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sanson 2018	Yes	No	Yes
Shdaifat 2020	No	Yes	Unknown
Shoar 2016	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Silverstone 1996	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soeiro 2008	Yes	Unknown	Yes
Tan 2014	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Tecchio 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teunissen 2007	Yes	Yes	No
Thew 2016	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Tian 2019	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wang 2019	No	Yes	Yes
Wang 2020	No	Yes	Yes
Yildirim 2010	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Zhao 2020	Unknown	Yes	Yes

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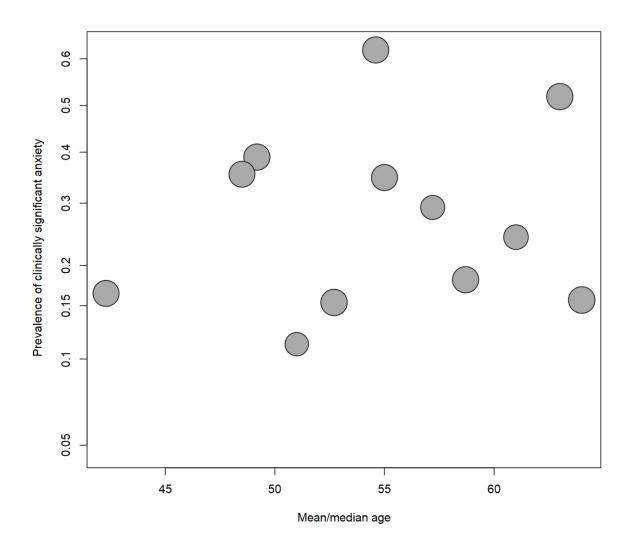
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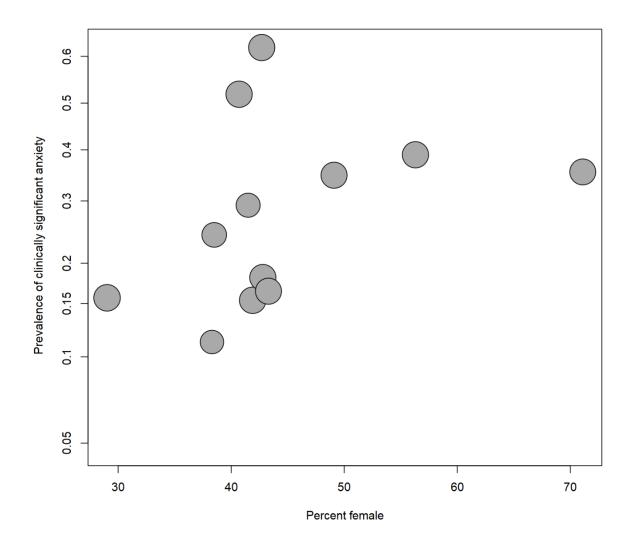
Figure A1: Bubble plot of the prevalence of clinically significant anxiety symptoms in each study against mean or median age.



There was no statistical evidence of an association between odds of anxiety symptoms and mean or median age (p=0.715). Each one year increase was associated with 1.02 (95% CI 0.93 to 1.10) times the odds of anxiety symptoms.

This analysis included data on 12 studies: Cardoso, 2010; Esteghamat, 2014; Gorini, 2020; Huang, 2019; Koc, 2017; Li, 2018; Mazeraud, 2020; Meyer, 2002; Rincon, 2001; Şahan, 2021; Tecchio, 2013; Tian, 2019.

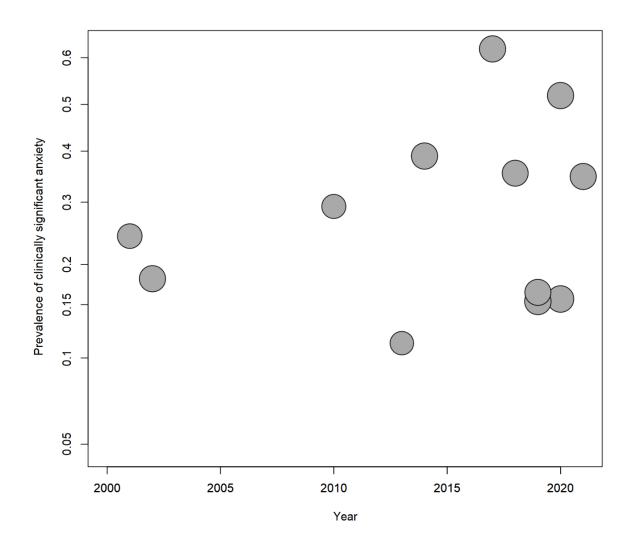
Figure A2: Bubble plot of the prevalence of clinically significant anxiety symptoms in each study against percentage of female participants.



There was no statistical evidence of an association between odds of anxiety symptoms and percentage of female participants (p=0.247). Each percentage point increase was associated with 1.03 (95% CI 0.98 to 1.08) times the odds of anxiety symptoms.

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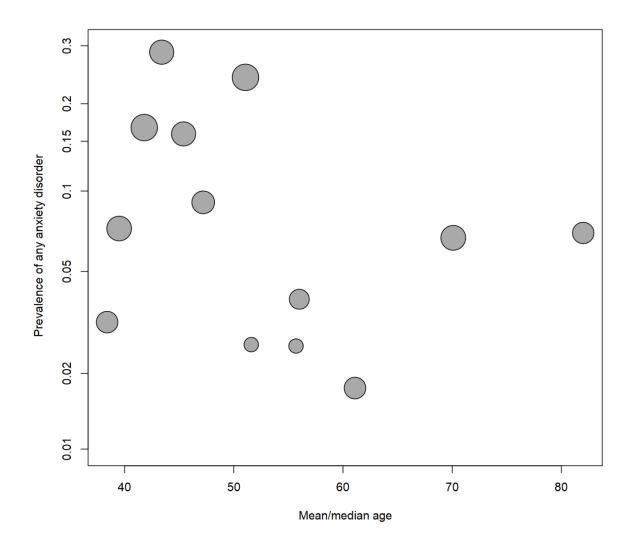
Figure A3: Bubble plot of the prevalence of clinically significant anxiety symptoms in each study against year of publication.



There was no statistical evidence of an association between odds of anxiety symptoms and year of publication (p=0.532). Each one year increase was associated with 1.02 (95% CI 0.95 to 1.11) times the odds of anxiety symptoms.

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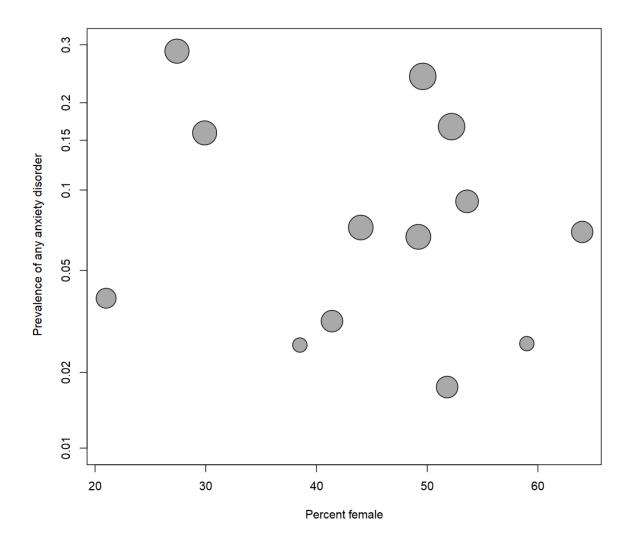
Figure A4: Bubble plot of the prevalence of any anxiety disorder in each study against mean or median age



There was no statistical evidence of an association between odds of any anxiety disorder and mean or median age (p=0.257). Each one year increase was associated with 0.98 (95% CI 0.94 to 1.02) times the odds of any anxiety disorder.

This analysis included data on 13 studies: Abiodun, 1990; Arolt, 1997; Burn, 1993; Dyster-Aas, 2008; Fritzsche, 2001; Kathol, 1992; Kayhan, 2013; Keller, 2004; Köroğlu, 2010; Marchesi, 2004; Palmu, 2010, 2011; Prieto, 2002; Silverstone, 1996.

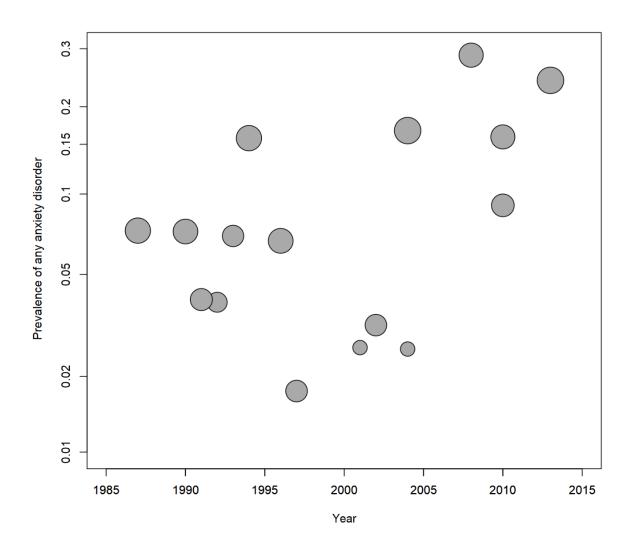
Figure A5: Bubble plot of the prevalence of any anxiety disorder in each study against percentage of female participants



There was no statistical evidence of an association between odds of any anxiety disorder and percentage of female participants (p=0.500). Each percentage point increase was associated with 0.99 (95% CI 0.95 to 1.03) times the odds of any anxiety disorder.

This analysis included data on 13 studies: Abiodun, 1990; Arolt, 1997; Burn, 1993; Dyster-Aas, 2008; Fritzsche, 2001; Kathol, 1992; Kayhan, 2013; Keller, 2004; Köroğlu, 2010; Marchesi, 2004; Palmu, 2010, 2011; Prieto, 2002; Silverstone, 1996.

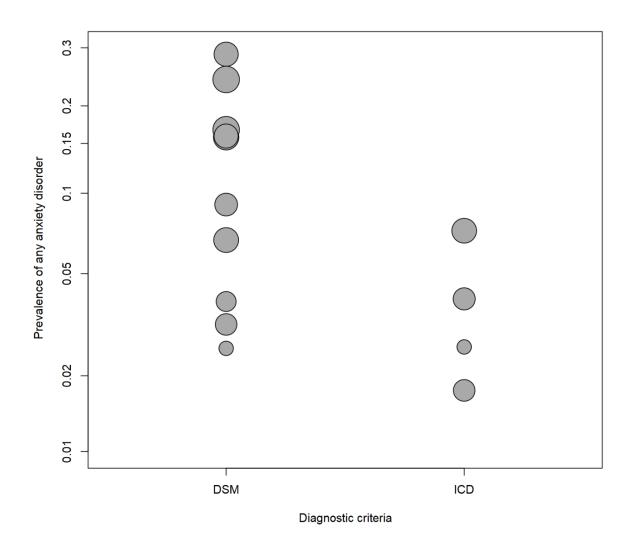
Figure A6: Bubble plot of prevalence of any anxiety disorder in each study against year of publication



There was statistically significant evidence of an association between odds of any anxiety disorder and year of publication (p=0.004). Each one year increase was associated with 1.06 (95% CI 1.02 to 1.10) times the odds of any anxiety disorder. Between 1990-95, the fitted prevalence of any anxiety disorder increased from 5% to 7%, and between 2005-10 it increased from 11% to 14%.

This analysis included data on 16 studies: Abiodun, 1990; Arolt, 1997; Burn, 1993; Dyster-Aas, 2008; Feldman, 1987; Fritzsche, 2001; Jenkins, 1994; Kathol, 1992; Kayhan, 2013; Keller, 2004; Kigamwa, 1991; Köroğlu, 2010; Marchesi, 2004; Palmu, 2010, 2011; Prieto, 2002; Silverstone, 1996.

Figure A7: Bubble plot of prevalence of any anxiety disorder in each study against DSM or ICD diagnostic criteria



There was statistically significant evidence of an association between odds of any anxiety disorder and diagnostic criteria (p=0.006). The odds of any anxiety disorder for studies that used the ICD criteria were 0.30 (95% CI 0.13 to 0.71) times the odds for studies that used the DSM criteria. The fitted prevalence of any anxiety disorder was 4% for studies that used ICD criteria and 11% for studies that used DSM criteria.

This analysis included data on 14 studies: Abiodun, 1990; Arolt, 1997; Dyster-Aas, 2008; Fritzsche, 2001; Jenkins, 1994; Kathol, 1992; Kayhan, 2013; Keller, 2004; Kigamwa, 1991; Köroğlu, 2010; Marchesi, 2004; Palmu, 2010, 2011; Prieto, 2002; Silverstone, 1996.

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