

Additional file 2.

Quality Index criteria

1. Were the target population and the observation period well defined?

Yes = 1

No = 0

2. Diagnostic criteria

Use of diagnostic system reported (DSM, ICD, RDC) = 1

Own system /symptoms described/no system/not specified = 0

3. Method of case ascertainment

Community survey/multiple institutions = 2

Inpatient/inpatients and outpatients/case registers = 1

Not specified = 0

4. Administration of measurement protocol

Administered interview = 3

Systematic case note review = 2

Chart diagnosis/case records = 1

Not specified = 0

5. Catchment Area

Broadly representative (national or multi-site survey) = 2

Small area/not representative (single community, single university) = 1

Convenience sampling/ other (primary care sample/treatment group) = 0

6. Prevalence measure

Point prevalence (e.g. one month) = 2

12-month prevalence = 1

Lifetime prevalence = 0

Maximum Score = 11