

I disturbi dello spettro ansioso nella terza età

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La prevalenza dei disturbi d'ansia nella popolazione anziana

	Paese	N	Strumento	% qualsiasi disturbo d'ansia
Bland et al., 1988	Canada	199	DSM-III	5.0
Check et al., 1996	Australia	107	DSM-III	3.7
Forsell e Winblad, 1997	Sweden	966	CPRS	3.2
Pamelee et al., 1993	USA	451	DSM-III R	3.3
Smallbrugge et al., 2005	Netherlands	333	DSM-IV	5.7

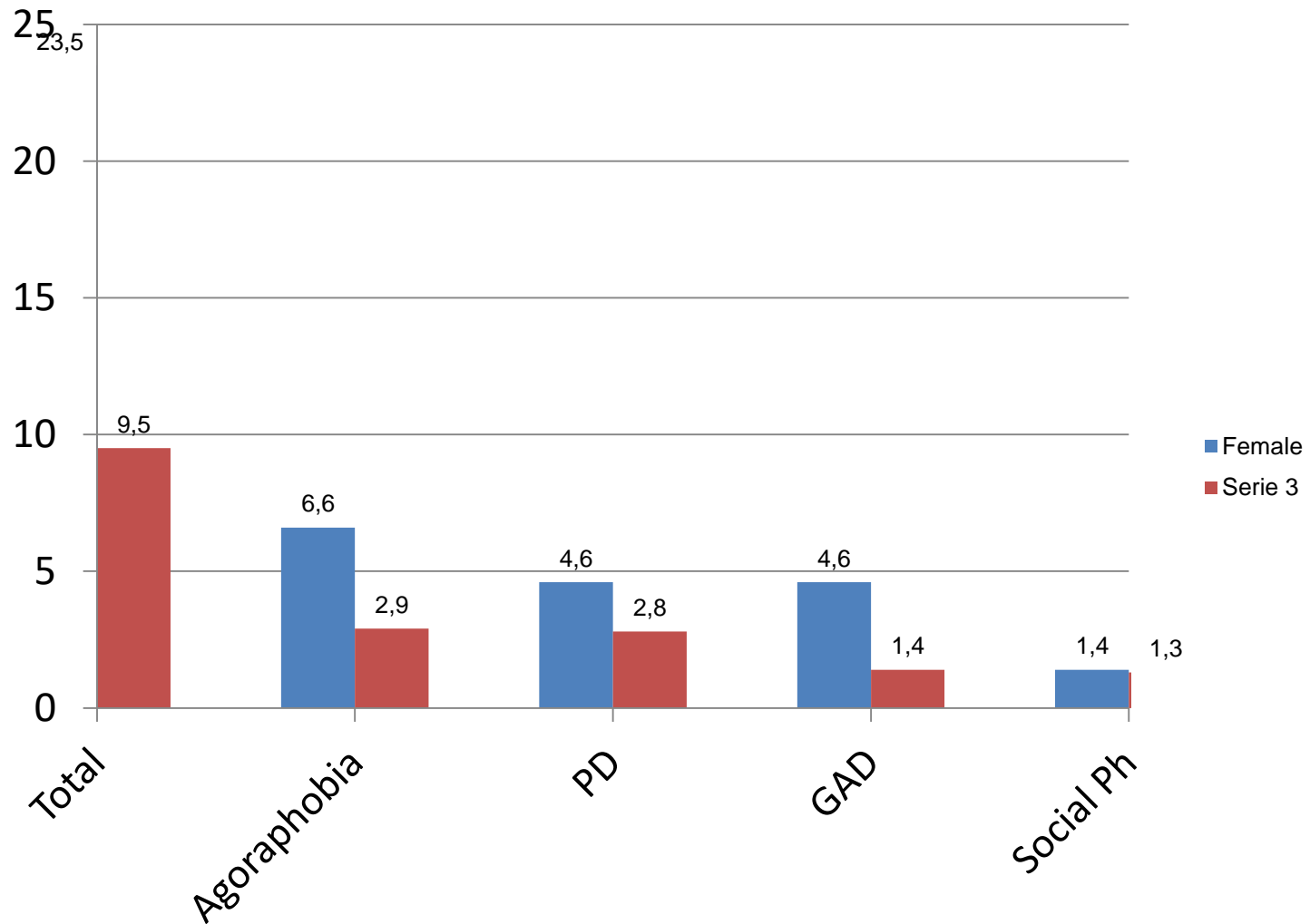
Anxiety disorders in old age: psychiatric comorbidities, quality of life, and prevalence according to age, gender, and country

	Adj. prev.	95% CI
Hamburg (GE)	16.8	14.4 -19.2
Ferrara (IT)	14.4	11.6 -17.3
London (EN)	20.8	15.6 -26.0
Madrid (ES)	18.3	14.4 -22.3
Geneva (CH)	14.1	10.4 -17.8
Jerusalem (IL)	14.7	10.7 -18.7
Total	17.2	14.0-20.4

N=3142

12-months prevalence of any anxiety disorder

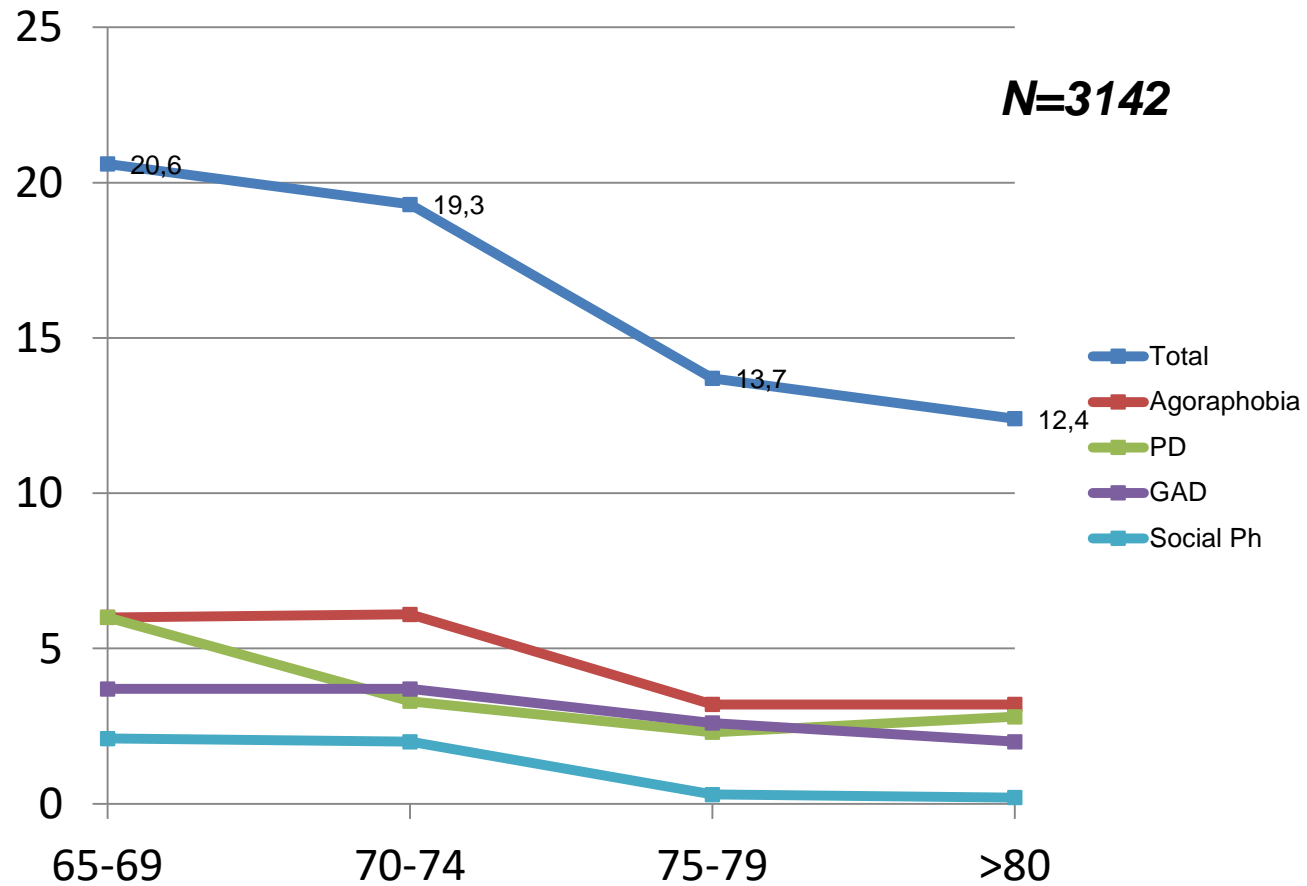
Prevalence of Anxiety Disorders in old age



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Anxiety, depression, and comorbid anxiety and depression: risk factors and outcome over two years

STATUS AT BASELINE	CLINICAL STATUS AFTER 24 MONTHS				
	NO ANXIETY OR DEPRESSION N = 14,825 n (%) OR [95% CI]	ANXIETY N = 585 n (%) OR [95% CI]	DEPRESSION N = 224 n (%) OR [95% CI]	DEPRESSION & ANXIETY N = 231 n (%) OR [95% CI]	LOST N = 4,171 n (%) OR [95% CI]
No anxiety or depression	14,274 (96.3) 1	298 (50.9) 1	137 (61.2) 1	77 (33.3) 1	3,679 (88.2) 1
Anxiety	377 (2.5) 1	204 (34.9) 12.1 [9.3–15.7]	24 (10.7) 2.1 [1.2–3.7]	59 (25.5) 11.1 [7.1–17.5]	272 (6.5) 1.9 [1.6–2.3]
Depression	107 (0.7) 1	19 (3.2) 3.9 [2.2–7.1]	40 (17.9) 10.7 [6.5–17.8]	11 (4.8) 6.2 [2.8–13.9]	98 (2.3) 1.9 [1.3–2.6]
Depression & Anxiety	67 (0.4) 1	64 (10.9) 15.1 [9.4–24.5]	23 (10.3) 8.7 [4.5–16.7]	84 (36.4) 54.5 [31.4–94.5]	122 (2.9) 4.5 [3.1–6.6]

The natural course of anxiety disorders in the elderly: a systematic review of longitudinal trials

- Mortalità → **nessun effetto**¹
- Cognitività → **perdita di memoria**²

¹ Tre studi, due negativi e uno di più piccole dimensioni positivo

² Due studi, entrambi positivi per deficit mnesici. Riduzione di 4 punti MMSE a 4 anni

Amyloid- β , Anxiety, and Cognitive Decline in Preclinical Alzheimer Disease

Figure 1. Slopes of Change in Verbal Memory Composite Score by Amyloid- β (A β) and Anxiety Levels

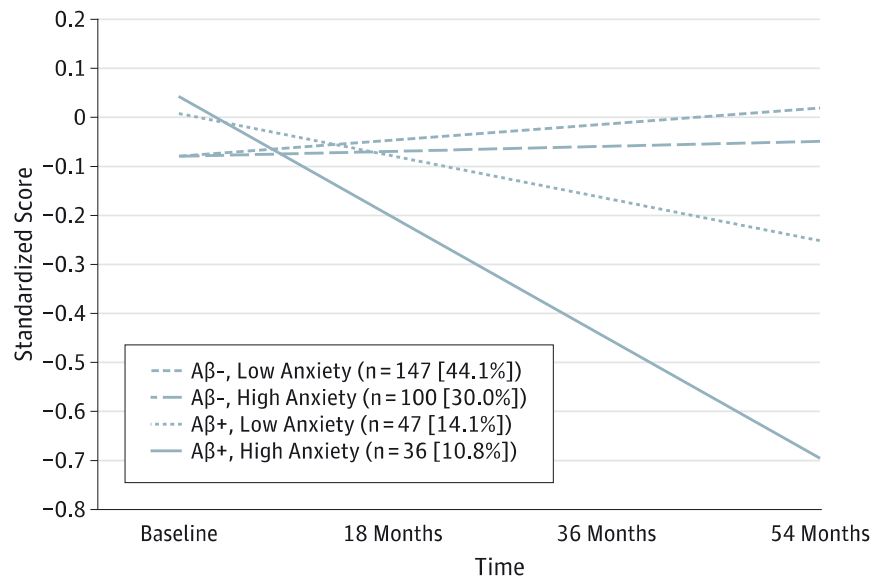
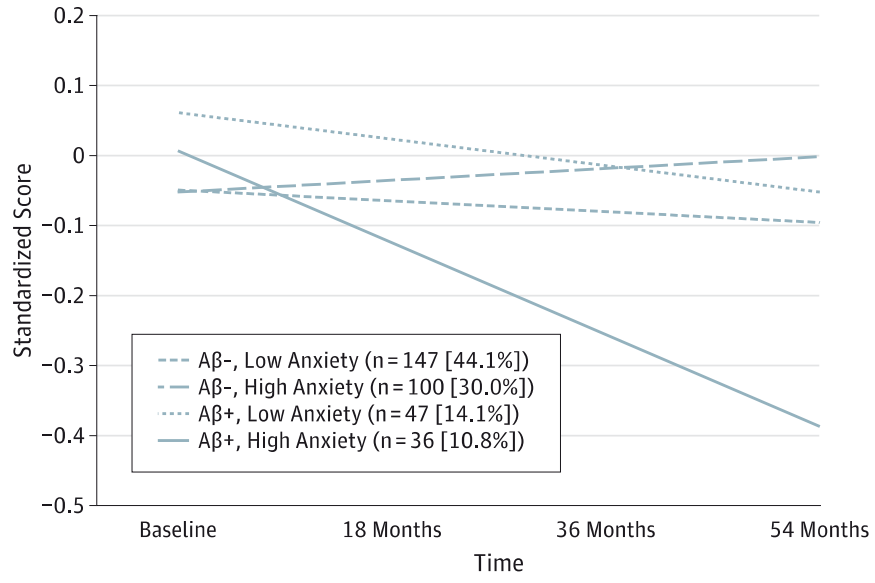
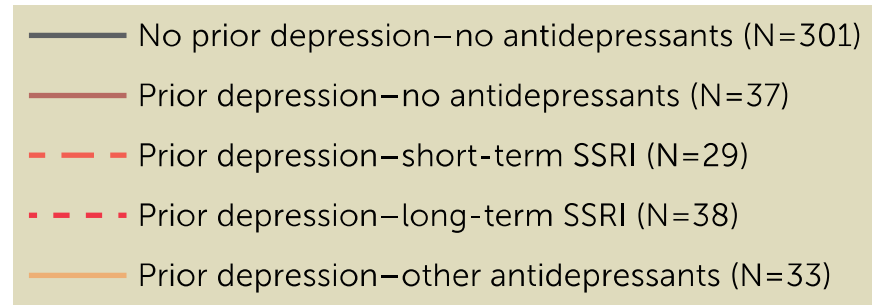
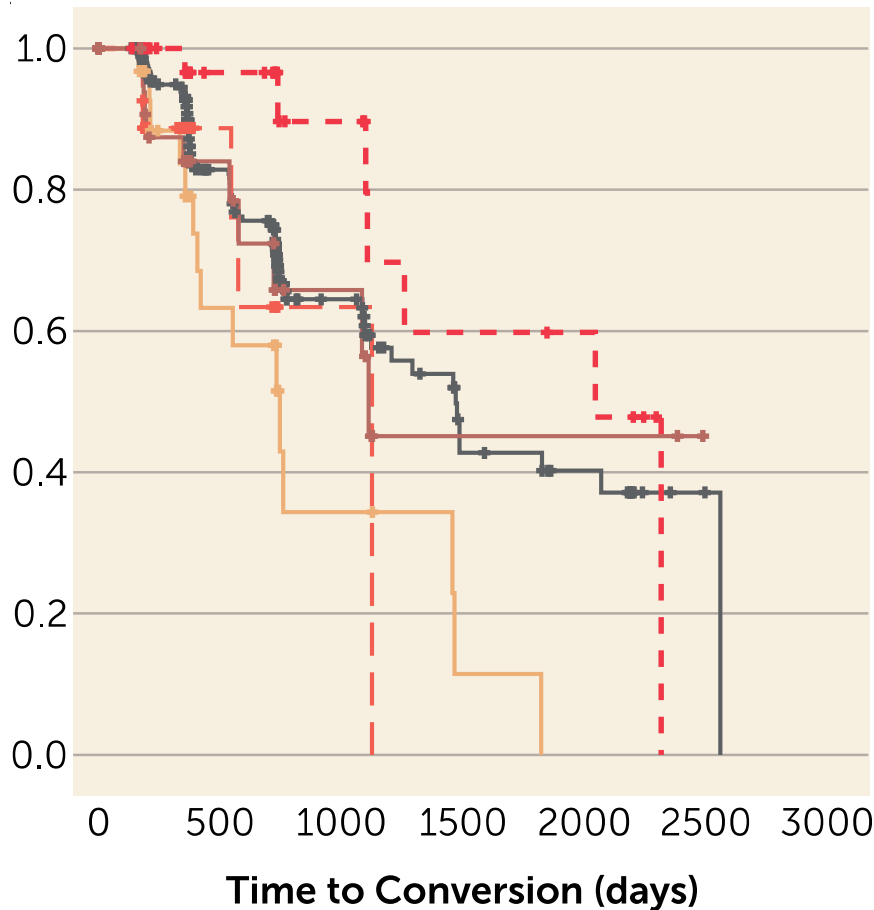


Figure 3. Slopes of Change in Executive Function Composite Score by Amyloid- β (A β) and Anxiety Levels



333 cognitively normal elders (≥ 70) followed for 4 years

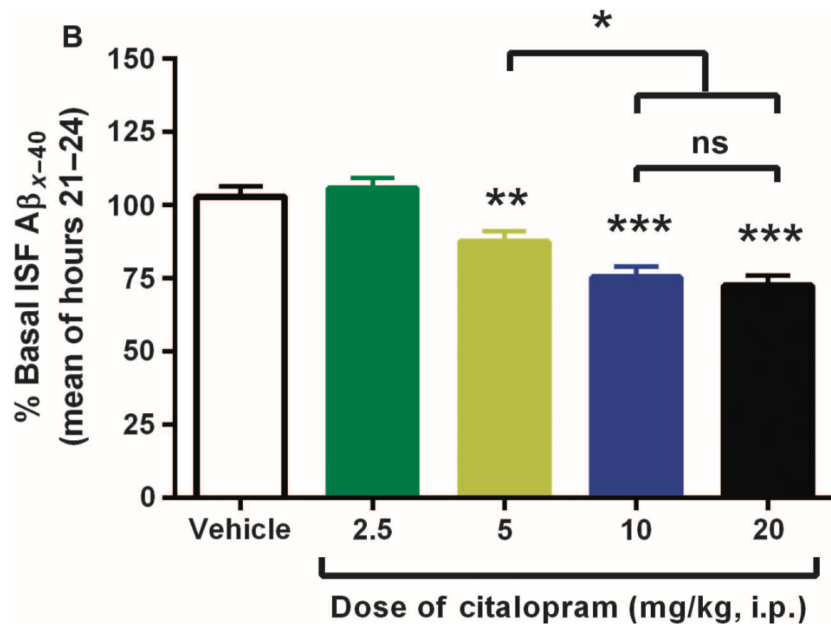
Impact of SSRI Therapy on Risk of Conversion From Mild Cognitive Impairment to Alzheimer's Dementia in Individuals With Previous Depression



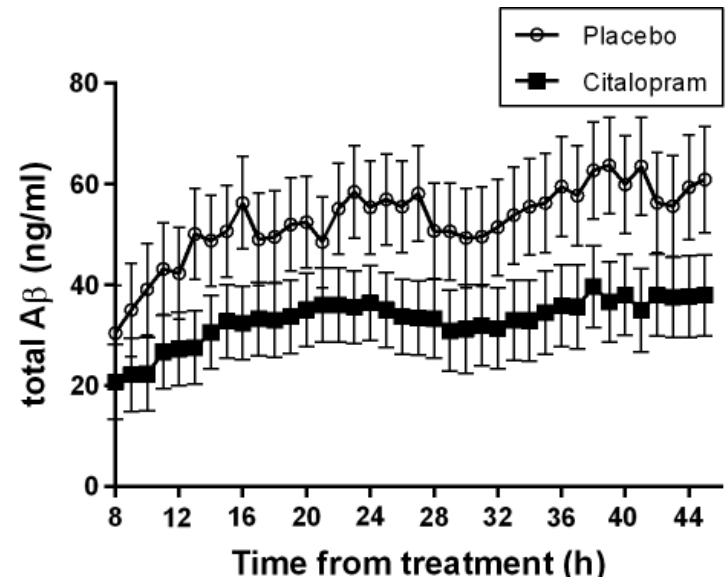
438 patients with MCI followed-up until conversion to dementia

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

An Antidepressant Decreases CSF A β Production in Healthy Individuals and in Transgenic AD Mice



Effect of citalopram administration on amyloid-beta in mice

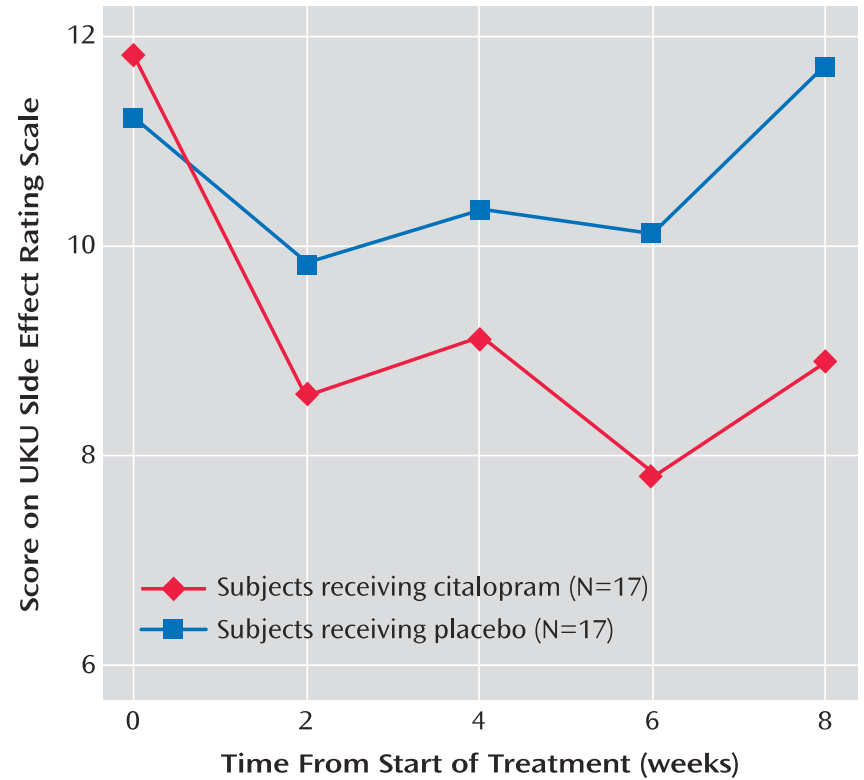
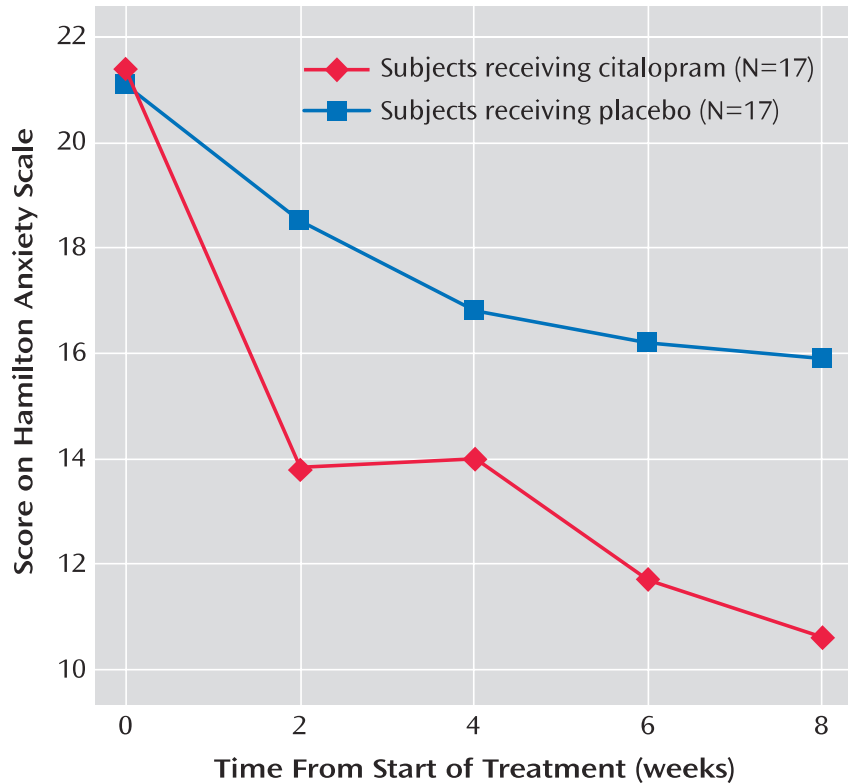


Citalopram reduces CSF A β concentrations and production rate in healthy humans

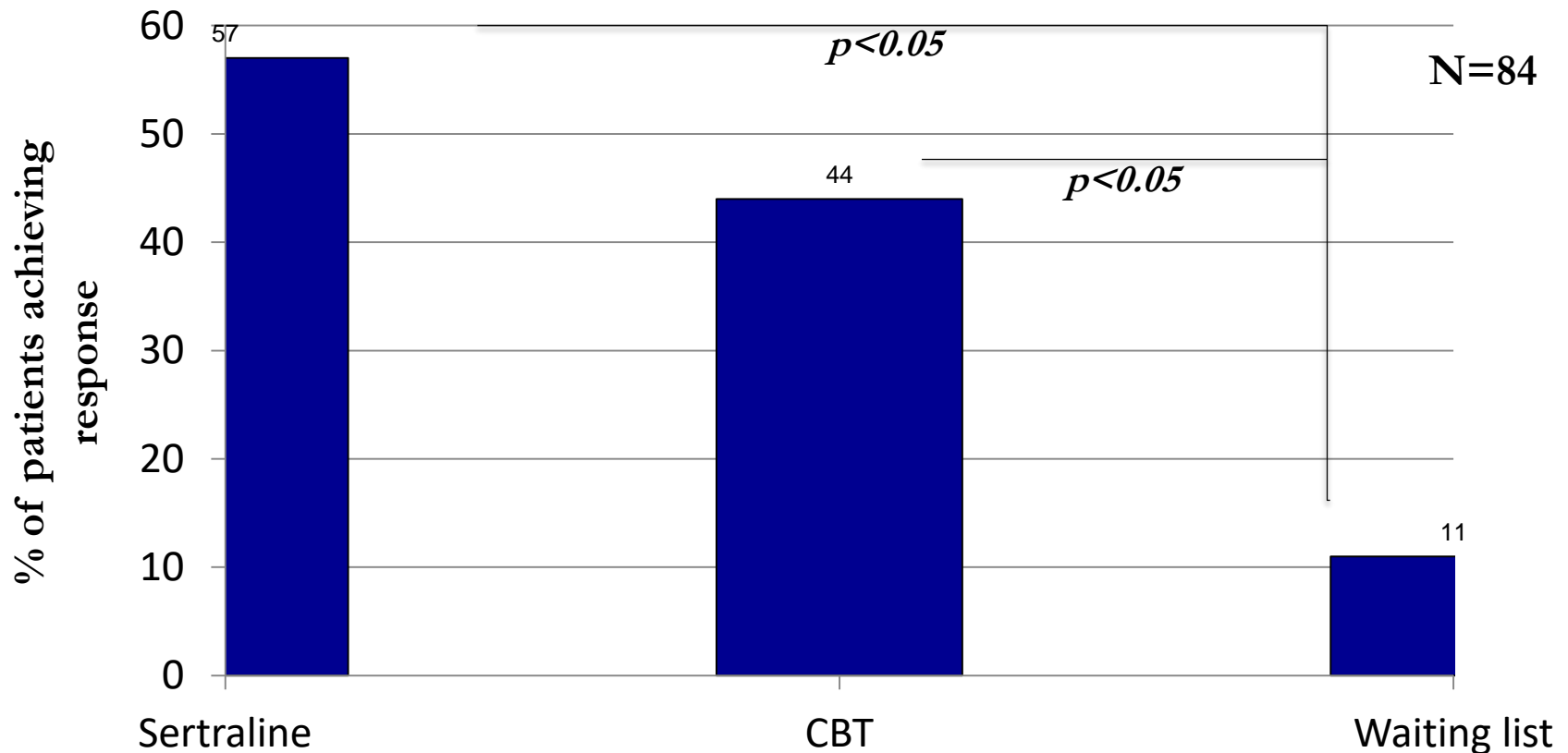
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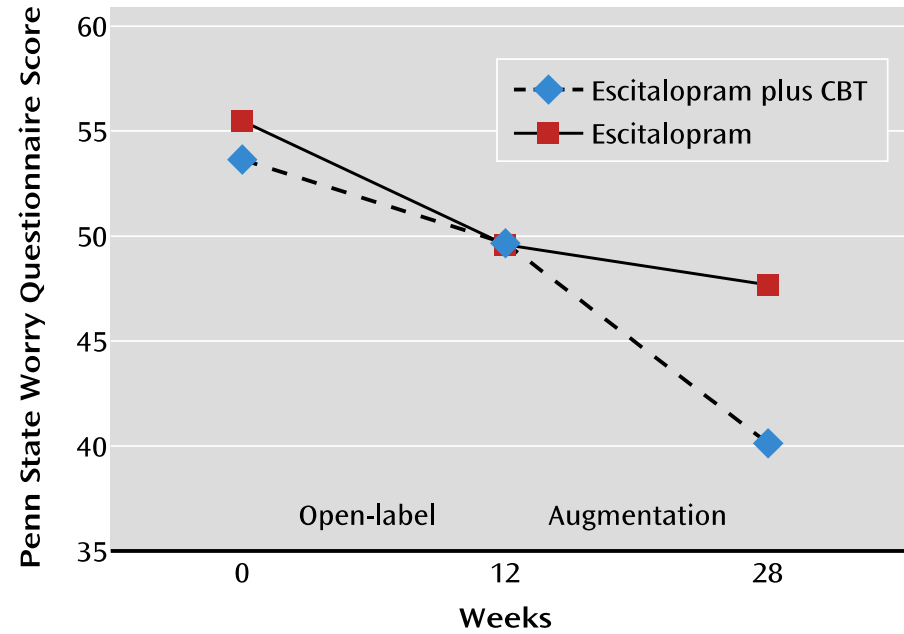
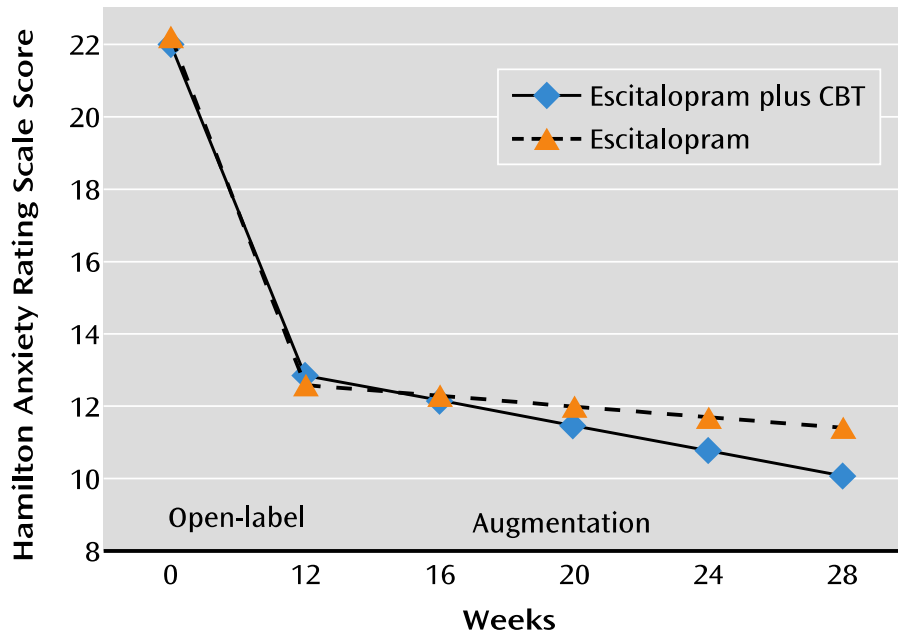
Efficacy and Tolerability of Citalopram in the Treatment of Late-Life Anxiety Disorders: Results From an 8-Week Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial



Effectiveness of Cognitive–Behavioral Therapy and Sertraline versus a Waitlist Control Group for Anxiety Disorders in Older Adults

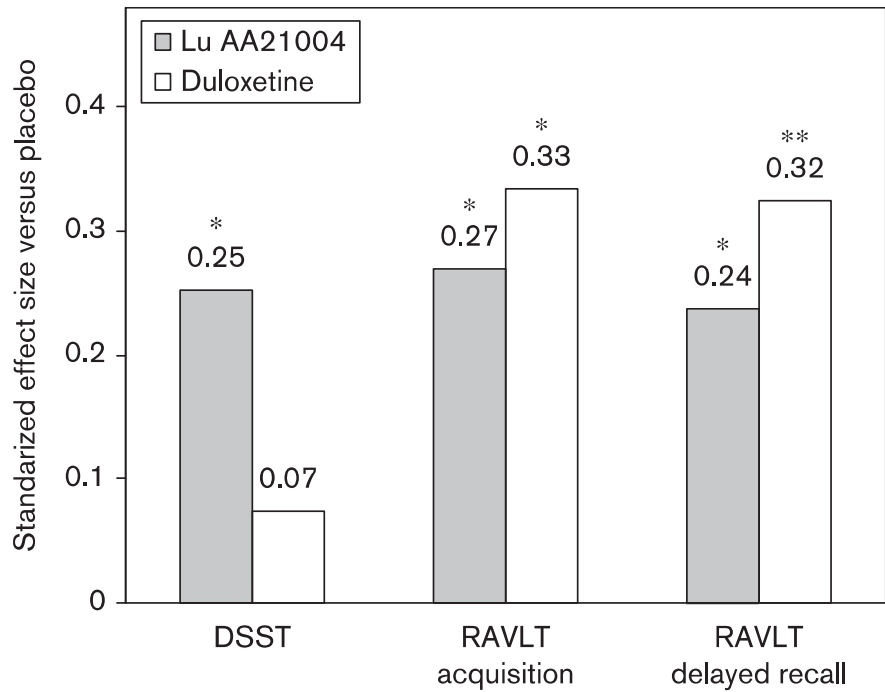


Antidepressant Medication Augmented With Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Generalized Anxiety Disorder in Older Adults



Vortioxetine has specific effects on cognition compared to duloxetine in elderly patients with major depression

Response/remission criterion	n (%)		
	PBO	Lu AA21004	DUL
Response			
HAM-D ₂₄ ^a	51 (35.2%)	82 (53.2%)**	93 (63.3%***)
MADRS ^a	52 (35.9%)	92 (59.7%***)	104 (70.7%***)
CGI-I ≤ 2	55 (38.0%)	95 (61.7%***)	106 (72.1%***)
Remission			
HAM-D ₁₇ ≤ 7	28 (19.3%)	45 (29.2%)*	51 (34.7%**)
MADRS ≤ 10	30 (20.7%)	52 (33.8%)*	69 (46.9%***)
CGI-S ≤ 2	28 (19.3%)	51 (33.1%)**	60 (40.8%***)



456 patients ≥ 65 yo with Major Depressive Episode

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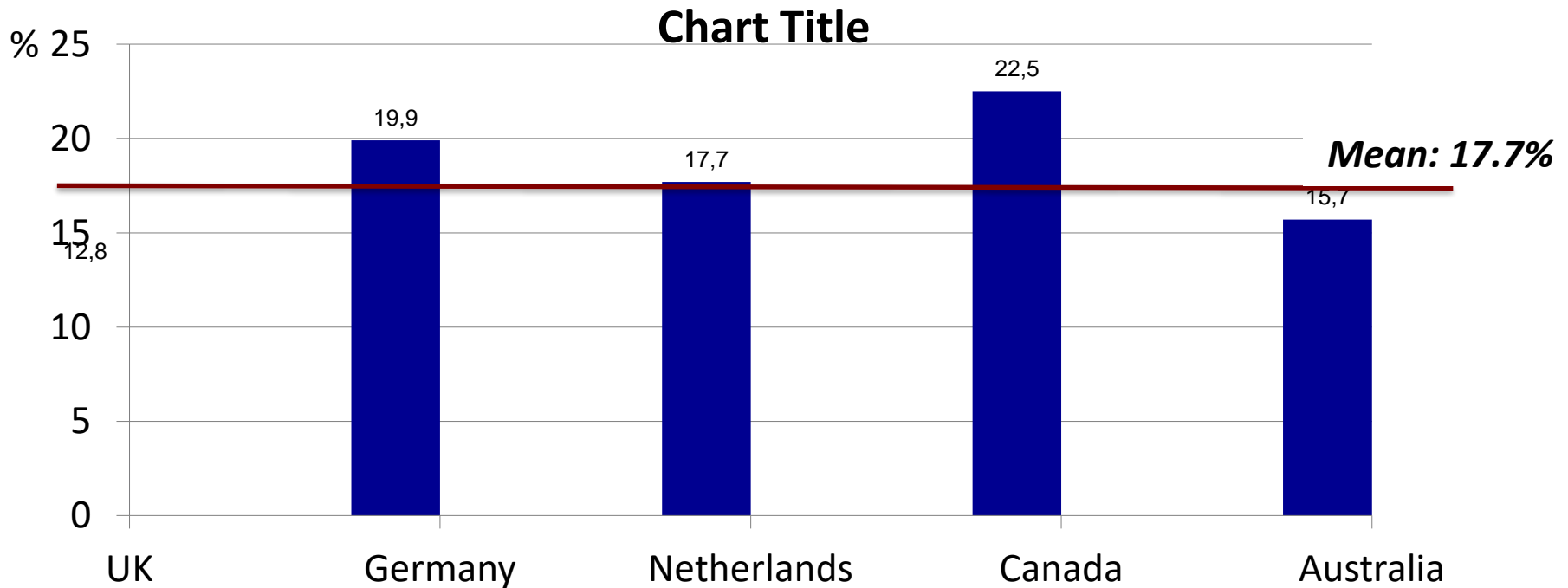
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Benzodiazepines in the elderly

- Insomnia
- Generalized anxiety disorder
- Acute grief reactions

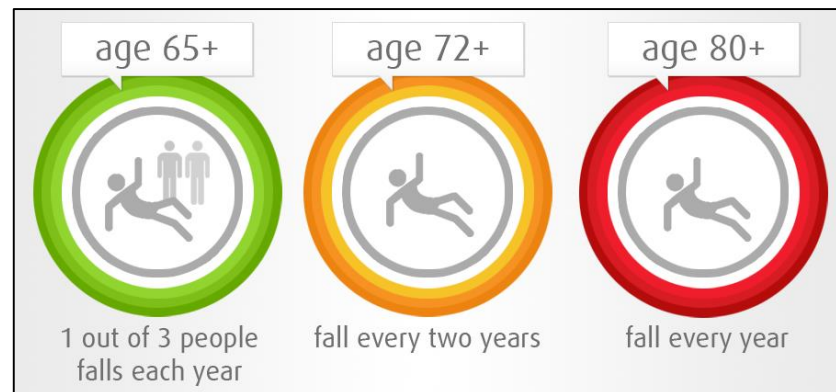
Survey of benzodiazepine usage in elderly population



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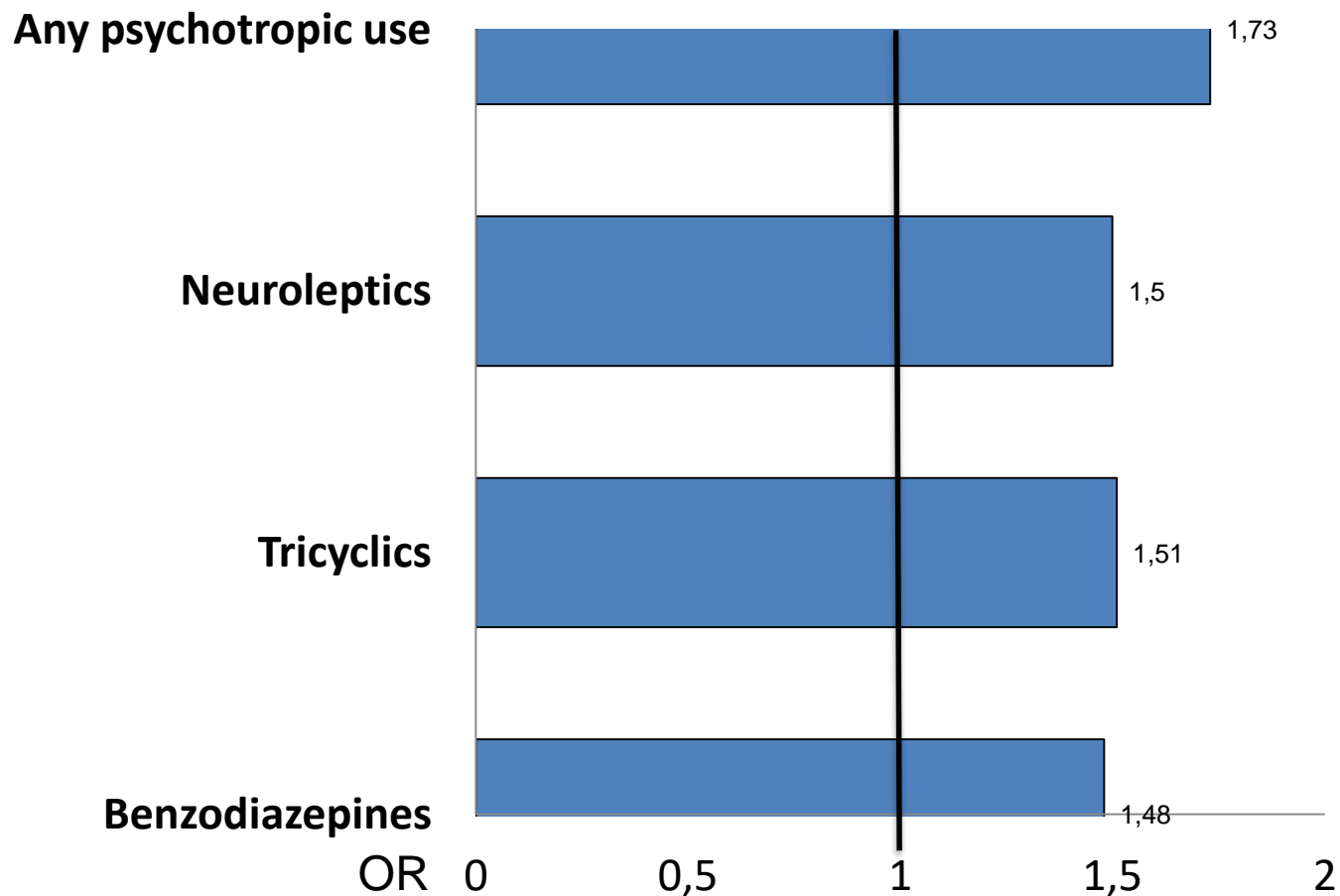


Le cadute nell'anziano



- **40% non ritorna a casa**
- **25% muore entro l'anno dalla caduta**

Drugs and falls in older people: a systematic review and meta-analysis



40 studies, patients >60 years old

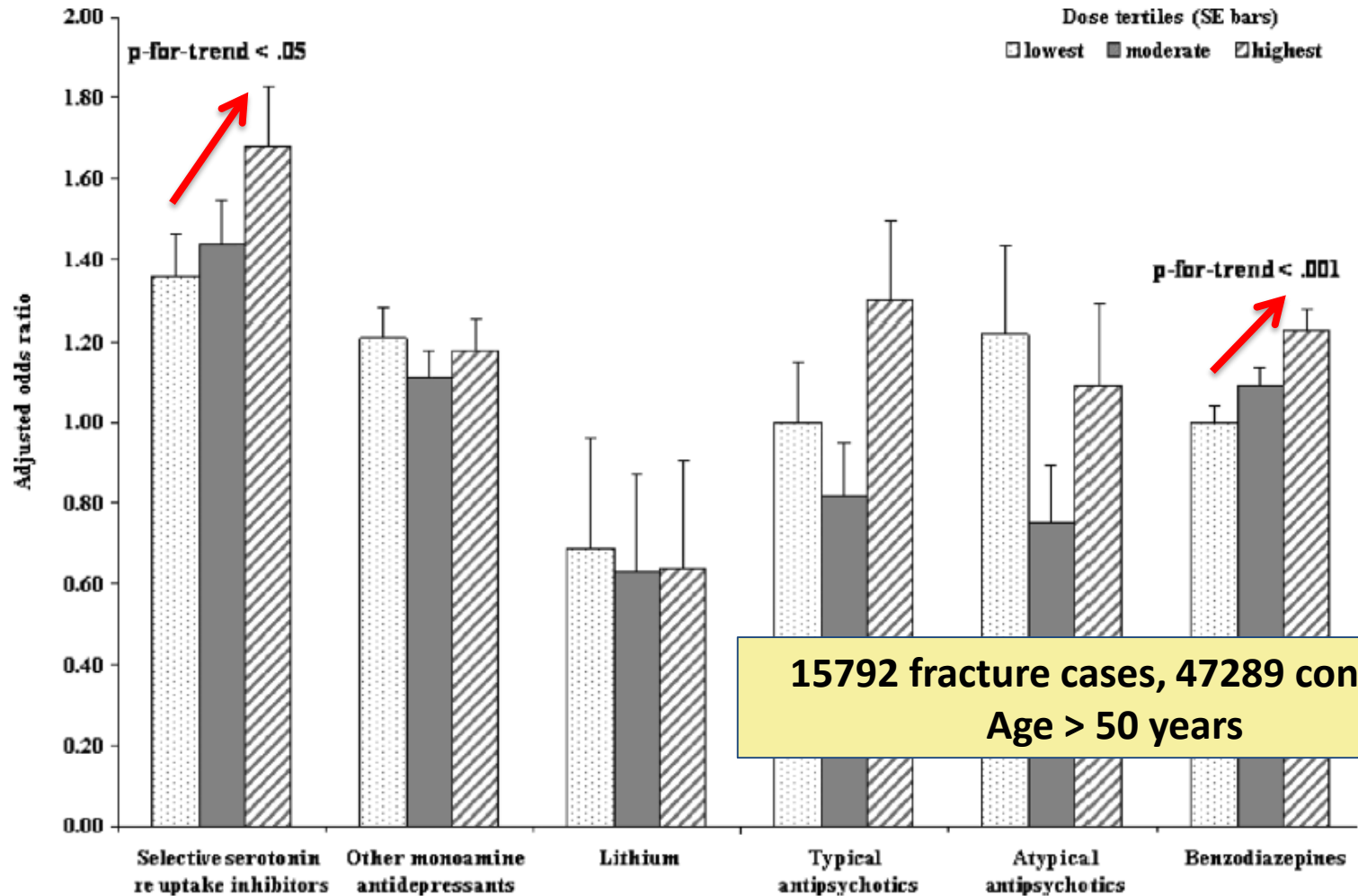
A 5-year prospective assessment of the risk associated with individual benzodiazepines and doses in elderly users

Benzodiazepine Exposure*	WHO-Defined Daily Dose mg [†]	Mean ± SD [‡]	Effect of Current Use Adjusted for Past Use [§] (Model 2)	Effect of Current Use Adjusted for Past Use + Dose (Model 3)	Drug-Specific Effect of Current Dose Adjusted for Past Use [¶] (Model 4)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Short half-life products					
Triazolam	0.25	0.92 ± 0.38	1.34 (0.95–1.90)	1.31 (0.93–1.85)	1.20 (0.85–1.70)
Temazepam	20	1.04 ± 0.45	1.29 (1.01–1.65)	1.22 (0.94–1.57)	1.23 (1.01–1.51)
Oxazepam	50	0.41 ± 0.25	1.14 (1.01–1.28)	1.19 (1.05–1.35)	1.46 (1.17–1.81)
Intermediate half-life products					
Alprazolam	1	0.54 ± 0.36	1.10 (0.84–1.42)	1.13 (0.87–1.47)	0.92 (0.60–1.42)
Nitrazepam	5	1.29 ± 0.52	1.12 (0.77–1.63)	1.02 (0.69–1.49)	1.06 (0.81–1.38)
Bromazepam	10	0.44 ± 0.26	1.08 (0.81–1.43)	1.14 (0.86–1.52)	1.29 (0.79–2.11)
Lorazepam	2.5	0.49 ± 0.29	1.15 (1.06–1.24)	1.19 (1.09–1.30)	1.29 (1.14–1.46)
Long half-life products					
Chlordiazepoxide	30	0.65 ± 0.51	1.55 (0.83–2.90)	1.55 (0.83–2.90)	2.20 (1.39–3.47)
Flurazepam	30	0.74 ± 0.31	1.61 (1.31–1.99)	1.62 (1.31–1.99)	1.93 (1.53–2.44)
Diazepam	10	0.63 ± 0.45	1.01 (0.77–1.33)	1.03 (0.78–1.36)	1.03 (0.71–1.48)

253244 elderly patients followed-up for 5-years
Mean age 72 years

Fracture risk from psychotropic medications

a population-based analysis



Use of Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors and Bone Mineral Density Change

A Population-Based Longitudinal Study in Middle-Aged and Elderly Individuals

TABLE 2. Association Between Current SSRI and TCA Use and Mean FN BMD in Men and Postmenopausal Women

	Model 1				Model 2				Model 3 [‡]			
	n*	Mean Difference, g/cm ²	95% CI	P [†]	n*	Mean Difference, g/cm ²	95% CI	P [†]	n*	Mean Difference, g/cm ²	95% CI	P [†]
Men												
Nonuse	8748	Ref			8498	Ref			6287	Ref		
SSRI use	130	-0.001	-0.014 to 0.013	0.922	126	-0.001	-0.014 to 0.013	0.899	111	0.004	-0.012 to 0.020	0.598
TCA use	131	0.008	-0.005 to 0.022	0.205	126	0.010	-0.004 to 0.023	0.149	98	0.002	-0.016 to 0.019	0.848
Women												
Nonuse	10,250	Ref			9719	Ref			6788	Ref		
SSRI use	286	0.007	-0.002 to 0.017	0.123	266	0.005	-0.004 to 0.015	0.294	237	0.007	-0.004 to 0.018	0.209
TCA use	266	0.003	-0.007 to 0.012	0.568	254	0.0003	-0.009 to 0.010	0.947	185	0.005	-0.007 to 0.017	0.427

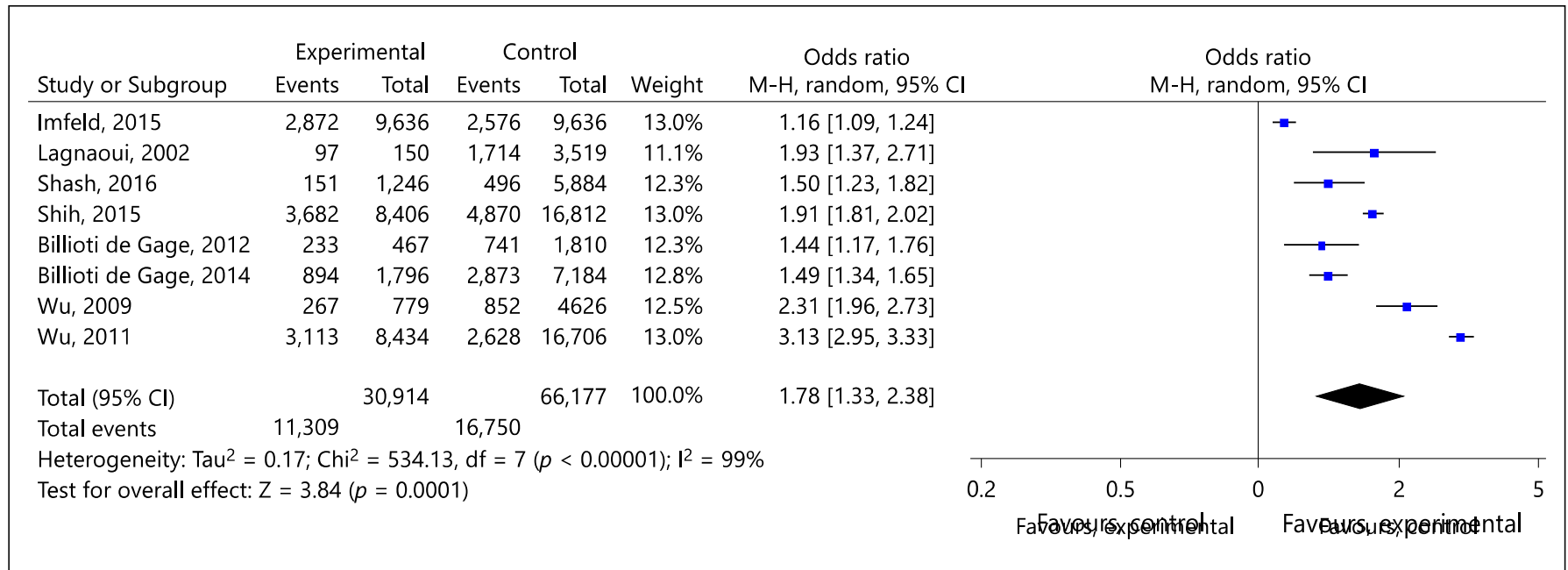
Model 1: adjusted for age. Model 2: adjusted for age, BMI, MMSE score, hypertension, and age at menopause (in women only). Model 3: adjusted for age, BMI, MMSE score, hypertension, age at menopause (in women only), and presence of depressive symptoms.

10746 elders followed-up for 4-years

Benzodiazepine Use and Risk of Dementia in the Elderly Population: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

First author, year	Study country	Study period	Study design	Benzodiazepine users/non-users, cases/control	Adjustment
Shash, 2016	France	1999–	Prospective cohort	1,246/5,884	Age, gender, BMI, alcohol consumption, hypertension, cardiac disease, smoking, insomnia, anxiety
Gray, 2016	United states	1994–2003	Prospective cohort	1,018/2,416	Age, gender, obesity, hypertension, diabetics, stroke, heart disease
Imfeld, 2015	United Kingdom	1998–2013	Case–control	9,636/9,636	Age, gender, BMI, smoking status, hypertension, diabetics, dyslipidemia, heart failure, <u>depression</u> , statins, antihypertensives, etc.
Shih, 2015	Taiwan	2006–2010	Case–control	8,406/16,812	Age, gender, hypertension, diabetics, stroke, CAD, hyperlipidemia, <u>depression</u> , anxiety, statin, antihypertensive, psychotics, etc.
Billioti de Gage, 2014	Canada	2000–2009	Case–control	1,796/7,184	Age, gender, stroke, high blood pressure, myocardial infarction, diabetics, hypercholesterolemia, platelets inhibitors, anxiety, <u>depression</u> , insomnia
Billioti de Gage, 2012	France	1988–2006	Prospective cohort	95/968	Age, gender, high blood pressure, diabetics, statin users, platelet inhibitors
Wu, 2011	Taiwan	1997–2007	Nested case–control	8,434/16,706	Age, gender, diabetics, cardiac disease, epilepsy, dyslipidemia, alcoholism, hypertension, insomnia
Gallacher, 2012	United Kingdom	1983–2004	Prospective cohort	103/1,085	Age, gender, smoking, alcohol, BMI, anxiety, <u>depression</u>
Wu, 2009	Taiwan	1997–2004	Nested case–control	779/4,626	Age, gender, hypertension, diabetics, dyslipidemia, cardiac disease, anxiety, <u>mood disorder</u> , psychotic disorder
Lagnaoui, 2002	France	1989–1997	Case–control	150/3,519	Age, gender, <u>depression symptoms</u> , living status, alcohol consumption

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Random-effects meta-analysis of studies of risk of dementia in patients receiving benzodiazepines

OR=1.78

American Geriatrics Society 2015 Updated Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

Barbiturates	High rate of physical dependence; tolerance to sleep benefits; greater risk of overdose at low doses	Avoid
Barbiturals		
Benzodiazepines	Older adults have increased sensitivity to benzodiazepines and decreased metabolism of long-acting agents; in general, all benzodiazepines increase risk of cognitive impairment, delirium, falls, fractures, and motor vehicle crashes in older adults	Avoid
Alprazolam		
Escitalopram		
Lorazepam		
Oxazepam		
Temazepam		
Triazolam		
Long-acting barbiturates	May be appropriate for seizure disorders; avoid for movement sleep disorders; benzodiazepine withdrawal, ethanol withdrawal, severe combination with aminoglycoside or propofol (anesthesia)	Avoid
Chlorazepate		
Clonazepam (alone or in combination with amitriptyline or doxepin)		
Clozapine		
Diazepam		
Flurazepam		
Quazepam		
Meprobamate	High rate of physical dependence; very sensitive	Avoid
Nonbenzodiazepine hypnotics	Benzodiazepine-equivalent agents have adverse events similar to those of benzodiazepines in older adults (e.g., delirium, falls, fractures); increased emergency department visits and hospitalizations; motor vehicle crashes; minimal improvement in sleep latency and duration	Avoid
Zolpidem		
Zaleplon		

Conclusioni

- I disturbi d'ansia sono frequenti nella terza età, con una tendenza a ridursi nel grande anziano
- Vanno trattati per ridurre il rischio di evoluzione a **depressione e demenze**
- I farmaci più indicati sono gli SSRI, in particolare **citalopram**, **escitalopram**, **sertralina**
- Le benzodiazepine andrebbero evitate per il rischio di cadute e deterioramento cognitivo

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