

**TABLE S1: Number of citations by each database and trial register searched**

<b>Database</b>	<b>Number of citations</b>
PubMed	1,247
Cochrane (trials)	346
Web of Science	625
Embase	784
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,002</b>

Note: Explicit search strategy: (adolescent\* OR children OR pediatric OR youth) AND (anxiety OR social phobia OR social anxiety disorder OR SAD OR generalized anxiety disorder OR GAD OR separation anxiety disorder) AND (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor OR SSRI OR selective serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor OR SNRI OR selective serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor OR fluoxetine OR fluvoxamine OR citalopram OR escitalopram OR fluoxetine OR paroxetine OR venlafaxine OR desvenlafaxine OR duloxetine OR vortioxetine OR vilazodone)

**TABLE S2: Bias assessment in individual studies included in the meta-analysis.**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Sequence generation</b>	<b>Allocation concealment</b>	<b>Blinding participant</b>	<b>Blinding assessor</b>	<b>Selective reporting bias</b>	<b>Attrition bias</b>
Rynn et al, 2001 <sup>1</sup>	Unclear risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias
RUPP <sup>2</sup>	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Birmaher et al, 2003 <sup>3</sup>	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Wagner et al, 2004 <sup>4</sup>	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Geller et al, 2007 <sup>5</sup>	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias
March et al, 2007 <sup>6</sup>	Unclear risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Rynn et al, 2007 <sup>7</sup>	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Walkup et al, 2008 <sup>8</sup>	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias*	Low risk of bias*	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias
Strawn et al, 2015 <sup>9</sup>	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Unclear risk of bias	Low risk of bias	Low risk of bias

Note: Green represents low risk of bias, yellow represents unclear risk of bias, and red represents a high risk of bias.

\*Per the article, “given the greater number of study visits (and hence more reporting opportunities) and the unblinded administration of sertraline in the combination-therapy group, the test of the adverse-event profile of sertraline focused on statistical comparisons between sertraline and placebo and sertraline and cognitive behavioral therapy.” Additionally, “Subjects in the sertraline and placebo groups did not know whether they were receiving active therapy, nor did their clinicians. However, subjects who received combination therapy knew they were receiving active sertraline.” For this analysis, only the SSRI and placebo conditions were compared and therefore the study was classified as “low risk of bias.”

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

**FIGURE S1: Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) Flow Diagram.**

**FIGURE S2: Response trajectory in Selective Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SSNRI)-treated youth with generalized, separation and social anxiety disorders. Note:** Standardized medication-placebo difference (“Change”) in patients treated with SSNRIs (blue line) did not differ when the atomoxetine study was removed (red line). Green lines represent the 95% credible interval for the model.

**FIGURE S3: Density of Difference in Placebo Response between Industry- and Federally-Funded Studies. Note:** Differences in placebo response between industry- and Federally-funded studies did not significantly differ at baseline (0, 95% CI: -0.122 to 0.122), week 4 (-0.047, 95% CI: -0.226 to 0.131) and week 8 (-0.129, 95% CI: -0.276 to 0.238).

**FIGURE S4: Density of Difference in Placebo Response in Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI) and Selective Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SSNRI) Studies. Note:** Differences in placebo response between SSRI and SSNRI studies did not significantly differ at baseline (0, 95%CI: -0.119 to 0.119), week 4 (-0.071, 95%CI: -0.255 to 0.111) and week 8 (-0.068, 95% CI: -0.33584 to 0.199826).

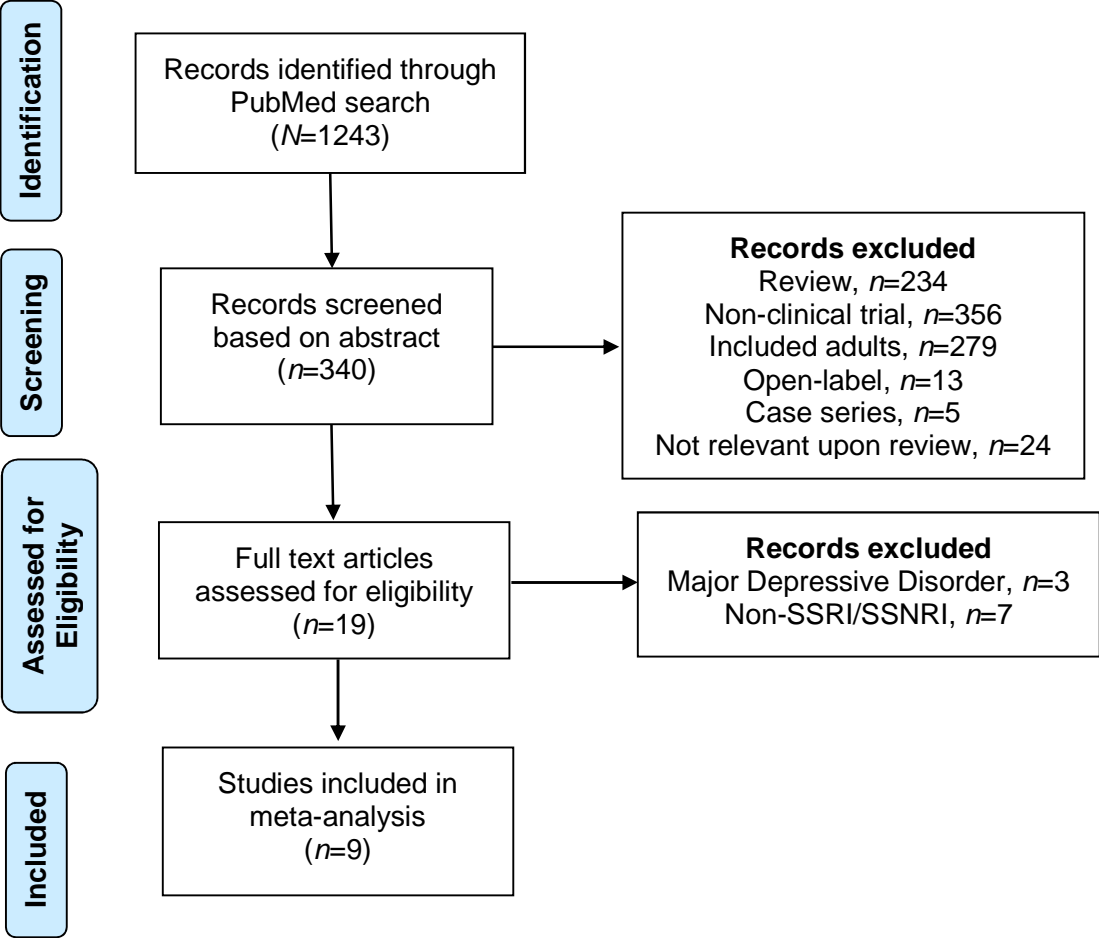
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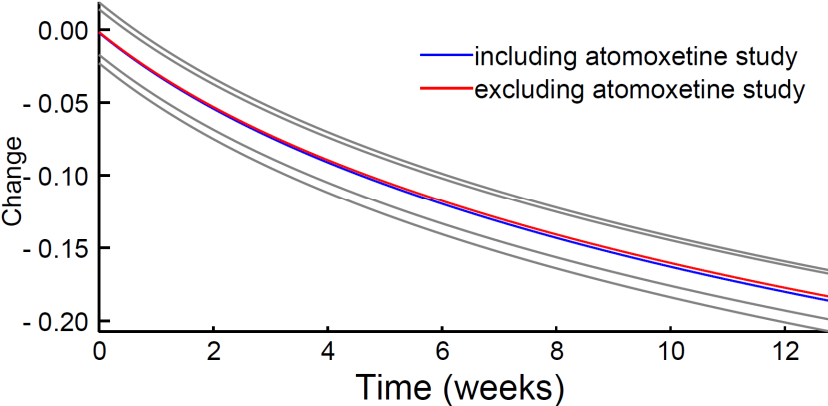
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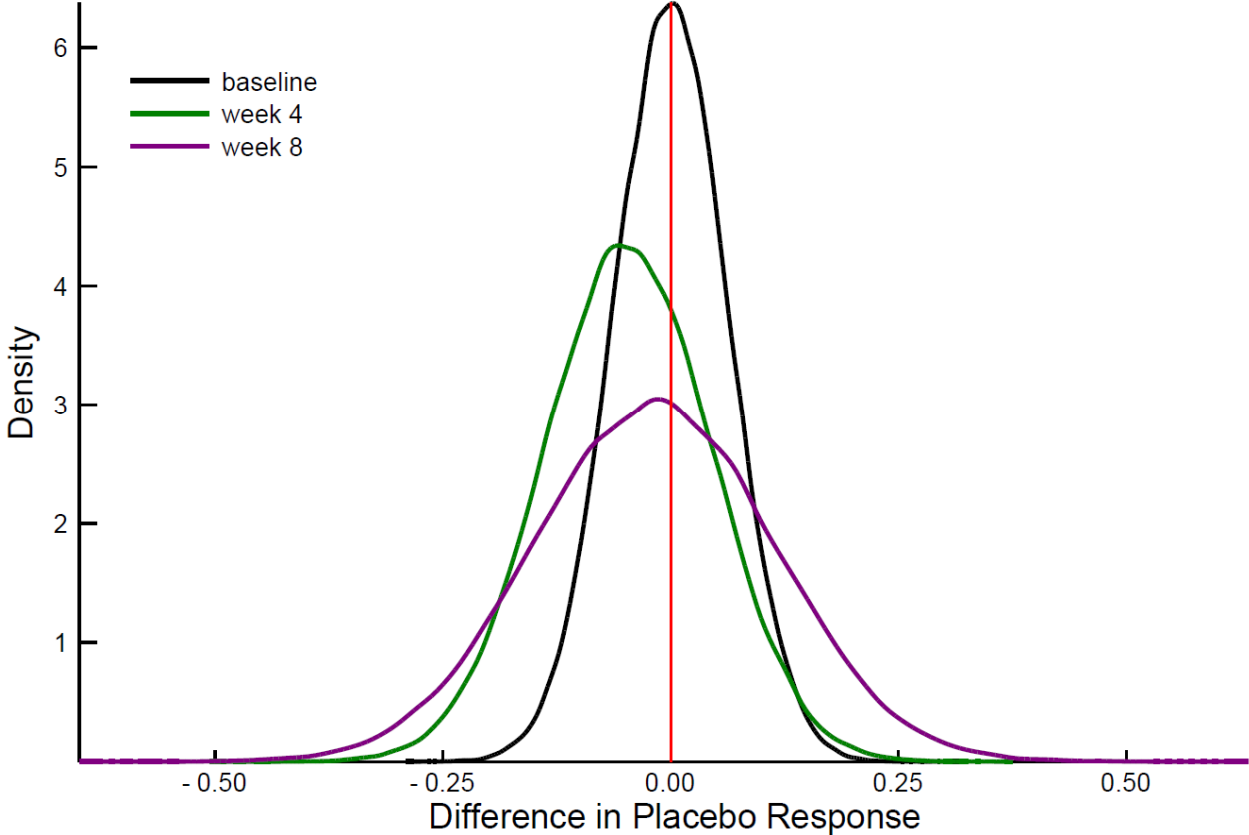
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