

Supplementary Online Content

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

eMethods

NIMH: Probands and their relatives were directly interviewed by trained clinicians using standard family study methodology. Diagnostic assessments were conducted via an adaptation of the Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia/ Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies (SADS/DIGS)^{1,2} that was expanded to collect subthreshold symptoms and phenomenology through collection among those who endorse the core phenomenology irrespective of duration or severity.³ A Global Assessment of Functioning score was rated by the clinical interviews for lifetime, current and worst episodes.⁴ A team of experienced clinicians provided best estimate diagnoses using standard procedures that included direct interview and multiple family history reports.⁵ Family history information on probands and all first-degree relatives was collected from all participants using a semi-structured version of the Family History-Research Diagnostic Criteria (FH-RDC).⁶ 28% of the relatives were interviewed directly, whereas family history information was collected on non-interviewed and deceased relatives. The mean number of relative interviews per family was 1.3 (S.D. 1.2) and an average of 3.4 (S.D. 2.2) family history reports per participant.

Lausanne: Probands and their relatives were directly interviewed by master's level psychologists using standard family study methodology. Information on psychiatric disorders was collected using the French translation of the semi-structured Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies (DIGS)⁷ which collects information according to DSM-IV criteria with established inter-rater and week test-retest reliability.^{8,9} In addition, family history information on probands and all first-degree relatives was collected from all participants using the FH-RDC,⁶ with established reliability.^{10,11} History of suicide attempts, and the number and age at attempt were assessed in a separate interview module for interviewed subjects, whereas family history reports (FH-RDC) were used for non-interviewed relatives. Among relatives, 32% were interviewed directly, and family history reports were collected regarding both interviewed and non-interviewed relatives. The mean number of interviews per family was 1.6 (S.D. 0.96) and of family history reports was 1.7 (S.D. 0.99). There was good inter-informant agreement for suicide attempts (Yule's $Y=0.70$); the sensitivity of family history was relatively low (0.4) but the specificity was high (0.98). The only diagnosis in informants associated with an elevated likelihood of reporting suicidal behaviour was a lifetime history of a major depressive episode (OR = 2.2; 95 CI 1.2-4.1).¹²

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eTable 1. Adjusted Odds Ratios¹ (95% CI) of Associations Between Suicide Attempts in Probands and Relatives

Suicide Attempts in Relatives						
	NIMH (n=2193)		Lausanne (n=3162)		Combined (n=5355)	
	OR (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95%CI)	p-value	OR (95%CI)	p-value
PROBANDS						
Suicide Attempts	2.6 (1.5,4.7)	0.000958	3.1 (1.6,6.0)	0.0010	2.9 (1.9,4.5)	<.0001
RELATIVES						
Age	0.99 (0.98,1.0)	0.0380	0.99 (0.98,1.0)	0.0082	0.99 (0.98,0.99)	0.0007
Female vs. Male	1.9 (1.2,2.9)	0.0055	1.9 (1.3,2.9)	0.0026	1.9 (1.4,2.6)	<.0001

¹Age and Sex of Relative

eTable 2.

Lifetime Suicide Attempts in Relatives by Lifetime Mental Disorders and Suicide Attempts in Probands

PROBANDS		Suicide Attempts in RELATIVES % (n)	Chi-square (p)
Bipolar I	Suicide Attempts		
	Yes	12.4 (18)	0.00
	No	12.4 (22)	
Bipolar II			
	Yes	4.4 (2)	0.02
	No	4.9 (15)	
MDD			
	Yes	9.0 (12)	12.00***
	No	3.3 (70)	
Panic			
	Yes	9.9 (9)	1.09
	No	6.7 (26)	
Generalized Anxiety			
	Yes	9.6 (14)	3.94*
	No	5.3 (40)	
Social Anxiety			
	Yes	14.7(20)	8.2**
	No	7.3 (57)	
Substance Use			
	Yes	10.4 (16)	5.19*
	No	5.6 (55)	
* p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001			