

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY

June 1996

Vol. 168

Supplement 30

Comorbidity of Mood Disorders

Edited by

H.-U. Wittchen

Published by The Royal College of Psychiatrists

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY

SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 30

VOLUME 168, 1996

Comorbidity of Mood Disorders

Edited by

HANS-ULRICH WITTCHEN

The British Journal of Psychiatry

June 1996 Volume 168 Suppl. 30

Founded in 1853 as the Asylum Journal and known as the Journal of Mental Science from 1858 to 1963

Editor Greg Wilkinson Liverpool

The British Journal of Psychiatry is published monthly by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, a registered charity (number 228636). The BJP publishes original work in all fields of psychiatry. All communications, including manuscripts for publication, should be sent to the Editor, British Journal of Psychiatry, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

Full instructions to authors are given at the beginning of this issue.

Subscriptions

Non-members of the College should contact the Publications Subscription Department, Royal Society of Medicine Press, PO Box 9002, London W1A OZA (tel. 071 290 2928). Annual subscription rates for 1996 (12 issues post free) are as follows:

Europe (including UK): institutions £160, individuals £140
US: institutions \$310, individuals \$230
Elsewhere: institutions £190, individuals £150
Full airmail is £36/US\$64 extra.
Singles copies of the Journal are £14, \$25 (post free).

Payment should be made out to the British Journal of Psychiatry.

Queries from non-members about missing or faulty copies should be addressed within six months to the same address; similar queries from College members should be addressed to the Registration Subscription Department, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

Back issues

Back issues published before 1996 may be purchased from William Dawson & Sons Ltd, Cannon House, Folkestone, Kent (tel. 0303 850 101).

Advertising

Correspondence and copy should be addressed to Peter T. Mell, Advertising Manager, PTM Publishers Ltd, 282 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1PQ (tel. 081 642 0162, fax 081 643 2275).

US Mailing Information

The British Journal of Psychiatry is published monthly by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Subscription price is \$295. Second class postage paid at Rahway, NJ. Postmaster send address corrections to the British Journal of Psychiatry, c/o Mercury Airfreight International Ltd Inc., 2323 Randolph Avenue, Avenel, New Jersey 07001.

© 1996 The Royal College of Psychiatrists

©TM The paper used in this publication meets the minimum requirements of American National Standard for Information Sciences – Permanence of Paper for Printed Library Materials. ANSI Z39.48–1984.

Typeset by Dobbie Typesetting Ltd, Tavistock, and Henry Ling Ltd.

Printed by Henry Ling Ltd, The Dorset Press, 23 High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HD.

Published by the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Contents

List of contributors	5
What is comorbidity – fact or artefact? HU. WITTCHEN	7
Critical issues in the evaluation of comorbidity of psychiatric disorders HU. WITTCHEN	9
Comorbidity of DSM-III-R major depressive disorder in the general population: results from the US National Comorbidity Survey R. C. KESSLER, C. B. NELSON, K. A. MCGONAGLE, J. LIU, M. SWARTZ and D. G. BLAZER	17
Comorbidity of mood disorders: a longitudinal prospective study J. ANGST	31
Depression comorbid with anxiety: results from the WHO study on psychological disorders in primary health care N. SARTORIUS, T. B. ÜSTÜN, Y. LECRUBIER and HU. WITTCHEN	38
A dimensional model for common mental disorders D. GOLDBERG	44
Social factors and comorbidity of depressive and anxiety disorders G. W. BROWN, T. O. HARRIS and M. J. EALES	50
Comorbidity and boundaries of affective disorders with anxiety disorders and substance misuse: results of an international task force K. R. MERIKANGAS, J. ANGST, W. EATON, G. CANINO, M. RUBIO-STIPEC, H. WACKER, HU. WITTCHEN, L. ANDRADE, C. ESSAU, H. KRAEMER, L. N. ROBINS and D. J. KUPFER	58
Major depression and generalised anxiety disorder. Same genes, (partly) different environments – revisited K. S. KENDLER	68
Comorbidity and the general neurotic syndrome G. ANDREWS	76
Implications of comorbidity for genetic studies of bipolar disorder: P300 and eye tracking as biological markers for illness D. H. R. BLACKWOOD, C. W. SHARP, M. T. WALKER, G. A. DOODY,	
M. F. GLABUS and W. J. MUIR	85
Co-occurrence and cotransmission of affective disorders and alcoholism in families W MAIFR and K MERIKANGAS	93

1	CONTENT
4	CONTENTS

The relationship between pain and depression M. VON KORFF and G. SIMON	101
Cancer and depression D. SPIEGEL	109
Depressive syndromes and symptoms in subjects with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection M. MAJ	117
Depression and endocrine disorders: focus on the thyroid and adrenal system D. L. MUSSELMAN and C. B. NEMEROFF	123
Comorbidity (psycho) analysed H. M. VAN PRAAG	129