

Supplementary Material

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Appendix A
Complete Search Strategy

Databases	Search Terms
MEDLINE and PsycINFO (via Ovid)	((guilt* OR culpabilit* OR blam* OR self-blam*) AND (traumatic stress OR posttraumatic stress OR post-traumatic stress OR PTSD OR PTSS)).ab. OR ((guilt* OR culpabilit* OR blam* OR self-blam*) AND (traumatic stress OR posttraumatic stress OR post-traumatic stress OR PTSD OR PTSS)).ti. OR ((guilt* OR culpabilit* OR blam* OR self-blam*) AND (traumatic stress OR posttraumatic stress OR post-traumatic stress OR PTSD OR PTSS)).kw.
PTSDpubs	(All fields) (guilt* OR culpabilit* OR blam* OR self-blam*) AND (“traumatic stress” OR “posttraumatic stress” OR “post-traumatic stress” OR PTSD OR PTSS)
Web of Knowledge	ALL FIELDS: (guilt* OR culpabilit* OR blam* OR self-blam*) AND ALL FIELDS: (“traumatic stress” OR “posttraumatic stress” OR “post-traumatic stress” OR PTSD OR PTSS)

Appendix B
Quality Assessment Tool

A. Did the study include a clinical sample with PTSD diagnosis?	(2) PTSD with report of diagnosis rates (min. 70% of sample). (1) PTSD without report of diagnosis rates, or less than 70% met diagnostic criteria. (0) subclinical on validated instrument or Criterion A survivors
B. Was PTSD diagnosis determined with a validated instrument?	(2) validated structured psychiatric interview referenced. (1) clinical diagnosis on the basis of validated self-reports or via referral/recruitment from psychiatric treatment unit. (0) unvalidated instrument NA no diagnosis (Item 1 = 0)
C. Was symptom severity of PTSD measured with a validated instrument?	(2) clinically-validated instrument. (1) validated in general population only. (0) unvalidated instrument (e.g., developed for the purpose of the study) → exclusion of study NA Pearson correlations were calculated from group differences between PTSD vs. non-PTSD sample; no symptom severity included.
D. Was guilt measured with a validated instrument?	(2) validated in trauma population (1) validated in general population only. (0) unvalidated instrument (e.g., developed for the purpose of the study)
E. Power analyses (guilt-related)	(2) <i>a priori</i> power analyses computed and necessary sample size reached (1) <i>a priori</i> power analyses computed but sample size not sufficiently large (0) no <i>a priori</i> power analyses computed
E. Other concerns	No scoring, for comment only, e.g., Sample (A): convenience sample, self-referral to study, course credit at university Instrument (C/D): reported internal consistency in paper / other psychometric papers (Cronbach's alpha) < 0.7 (Bland & Altman, 1997; Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994) Instrument (D): single-item assessment

Bland, J. & Altman, D. (1997). Statistics notes: Cronbach's alpha. *BMJ*, 314, 275.

Nunnally, J. & Bernstein, L. (1994). *Psychometric theory*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Appendix C
Excluded Studies After full-text Review with Reasons for Exclusion

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Aakvaag, H. F., Thoresen, S., Strøm, I. F., Myhre, M., & Hjemdal, O. K. (2019). Shame predicts revictimization in victims of childhood violence: A prospective study of a general Norwegian population sample. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy</i> , 11(1), 43–50.	wrong study focus
Agar, E., Kennedy, P., & King, N. S. (2006). The role of negative cognitive appraisals in PTSD symptoms following spinal cord injuries. <i>Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy</i> , 34(4), 437–452.	PTSD measure not based on DSM/ICD
Ali, T., Dunmore, E., Clark, D., & Ehlers, A. (2002). The role of negative beliefs in posttraumatic stress disorder: A comparison of assault victims and non victims. <i>Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy</i> , 30(3), 249-257.	wrong study focus
Alliger-Horn, C., Zimmermann, P. L., & Schmucker, M. (2016). Guilt, shame and compassionate imagery in war: Traumatized German soldiers with PTSD, a pilot study. <i>Journal of Clinical Medicine</i> , 5(10), 90.	insufficient data provided
Ames, D., Erickson, Z., Youssef, N. A., Arnold, I., Adamson, C. S., Sones, A. C., Yin, J., Haynes, K., Volk, F., Teng, E. J., Oliver, J. P., & Koenig, H. G. (2019). Moral Injury, Religiosity, and Suicide Risk in U.S. Veterans and Active Duty Military with PTSD Symptoms. <i>Military Medicine</i> , 184(3-4), e271–e278.	wrong study focus
Amstadter, A. B., & Vernon, L. L. (2008). Emotional reactions during and after trauma: A comparison of trauma types. <i>Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma</i> , 16(4), 391-408.	wrong study focus
Ankri, Y. L., Bachar, E., & Shalev, A. Y. (2010). Reactions to terror attacks in ultra-Orthodox Jews: The cost of maintaining strict identity. <i>Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes</i> , 73(2), 190-197.	wrong study focus
Arata, C. M. (2000). From child victim to adult victim: A model for predicting sexual revictimization. <i>Child Maltreatment</i> , 5(1), 28-38.	PTSD measure not based on DSM/ICD
Arata, C. M., & Burkhardt, B. R. (1996). Post-traumatic stress disorder among college student victims of acquaintance assault. <i>Journal of Psychology & Human Sexuality</i> , 8(1-2), 79-92.	PTSD measure not based on DSM/ICD
Arikan, G., Stopa, L., Carnelley, K. B., & Karl, A. (2016). The associations between adult attachment, posttraumatic symptoms, and posttraumatic growth. <i>Anxiety, Stress, & Coping</i> , 29(1), 1-20.	insufficient data provided
Arnoud, T. D. C. J., de Freitas, C. P. P., Koller, S. H., & Habigzang, L. F. (2020). Relationships Between CSA Characteristics, Waiting Time, and Psychotherapy Treatment Response. <i>Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy</i> , 34(4), 358-375.	not focusing on adults
Arredondo, A. Y., & Caparrós, B. (2021). Posttraumatic cognitions, posttraumatic growth, and personality in university students. <i>Journal of Loss and Trauma</i> , 26(5), 469-484.	wrong study focus
Ayers, S., Copland, C., & Dunmore, E. (2009). A preliminary study of negative appraisals and dysfunctional coping associated with post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms following myocardial infarction. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 14(3), 459-471.	wrong study focus
Babcock Fenerci, R. L., & DePrince, A. P. (2018). Shame and alienation related to child maltreatment: Links to symptoms across generations. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy</i> , 10(4), 419–426.	no validated PTSD measure
Bailey, G. T. (2004). <i>The impact of trauma on the psychosocial development in refugees according to Erikson's psychosocial theory</i> (Publication No. 3146374) [Doctoral dissertation, Walden University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.	no validated PTSD measure
Baker, D. E., Hill, M., Chamberlain, K., Hurd, L., Karlsson, M., Zielinski, M., Calvert, M., & Bridges, A. J. (2021). Interpersonal vs. Non-Interpersonal Cumulative Traumas and Psychiatric Symptoms in Treatment-Seeking Incarcerated Women. <i>Journal of Trauma & Dissociation</i> , 22(3), 249–264.	guilt-proneness/trait-guilt

Bakker, A., Van Loey, N. E., Van Son, M. J., & Van der Heijden, P. G. (2009). Brief report: mothers' long-term posttraumatic stress symptoms following a burn event of their child. <i>Journal of pediatric psychology</i> , 35(6), 656-661.	guilt not measured quantitatively
Bannister, J. A., Colvonen, P. J., Angkaw, A. C., & Norman, S. B. (2019). Differential relationships of guilt and shame on posttraumatic stress disorder among veterans. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 11(1), 35.	sample duplicate (Browne 2015)
Barker-Collo, S. L. (2001). Adult reports of child and adult attributions of blame for childhood sexual abuse: Predicting adult adjustment and suicidal behaviors in females. <i>Child abuse & neglect</i> , 25(10), 1329-1341.	wrong study focus
Barr, P. (2010). Acute traumatic stress in neonatal intensive care unit parents: Relation to existential emotion-based personality predispositions. <i>Journal of Loss and Trauma</i> , 15(2), 106-122.	guilt-proneness/trait-guilt
Battles, A. R., Bravo, A. J., Kelley, M. L., White, T. D., Braitman, A. L., & Hamrick, H. C. (2018). Moral injury and PTSD as mediators of the associations between morally injurious experiences and mental health and substance use. <i>Traumatology</i> , 24(4), 246–254.	insufficient data provided
Bawden, C. M. (1986). <i>Combat stress and cognitive style in Vietnam combat veterans</i> . [Doctoral dissertation].	article not available
Beck, J. G., McNiff, J., Clapp, J. D., Olsen, S. A., Avery, M. L., & Hagewood, J. H. (2011). Exploring negative emotion in women experiencing intimate partner violence: Shame, guilt, and PTSD. <i>Behavior therapy</i> , 42(4), 740-750.	sample duplicate (Beck 2015)
Beck, J. G., Reich, C. M., Woodward, M. J., Olsen, S. A., Jones, J. M., & Patton, S. C. (2015). How do negative emotions relate to dysfunctional posttrauma cognitions? An examination of interpersonal trauma survivors. <i>Psychological trauma: theory, research, practice and policy</i> , 7(1), 3–10.	sample duplicate (Beck 2015)
Beck, J. G., Coffey, S. F., Palyo, S. A., Gudmundsdottir, B., Miller, L. M., & Colder, C. R. (2004). Psychometric Properties of the Posttraumatic Cognitions Inventory (PTCI): a replication with motor vehicle accident survivors. <i>Psychological assessment</i> , 16(3), 289–298.	sample duplicate (Beck 2015)
Beidel, D. C., Frueh, B. C., Neer, S. M., & Lejuez, C. W. (2017). The efficacy of Trauma Management Therapy: A controlled pilot investigation of a three-week intensive outpatient program for combat-related PTSD. <i>Journal of Anxiety Disorders</i> , 50, 23-32.	wrong study focus
Belsher, B. E., Ruzek, J. I., Bongar, B., & Cordova, M. J. (2012). Social constraints, posttraumatic cognitions, and posttraumatic stress disorder in treatment-seeking trauma survivors: Evidence for a social-cognitive processing model. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 4(4), 386.	insufficient data provided
Bensinger, T. T. (1990). <i>Long-term effects on adult women who report sexual and ritual abuse in their childhoods</i> . [Doctoral dissertation, The Wright Institute].	wrong study focus
Berg, G. (2011). The relationship between spiritual distress, PTSD and depression in Vietnam combat veterans. <i>Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling</i> , 65(1), 1-11.	wrong study focus
Bergeron, M., & Hebert, M. (2006). Evaluation of a group intervention using a feminist approach for female victims of sexual aggression. <i>Child Abuse & Neglect</i> , 30(10), 1143-1159.	wrong study focus
Bernat, J. A., Ronfeldt, H. M., Calhoun, K. S., & Arias, I. (1998). Prevalence of traumatic events and peritraumatic predictors of posttraumatic stress symptoms in a nonclinical sample of college students. <i>Journal of traumatic stress</i> , 11(4), 645-664.	wrong study focus
Blain, L. M., Galovski, T. E., & Peterson, Z. D. (2011). Female sexual self-schema after interpersonal trauma: Relationship to psychiatric and cognitive functioning in a clinical treatment-seeking sample. <i>Journal of Traumatic Stress</i> , 24(2), 222-225.	sample duplicate (Blain 2013)
Blanco, A., Díaz, D., Gaborit, M., & Amaris, M. D. C. (2010). El sentido del mundo y el significado del yo: Inventario de Cogniciones Postraumáticas (ICPT) en población hispana. <i>Revista Latinoamericana de psicología</i> , 42(1), 97-102.	no validated PTSD measure (Spanish translation)

Bonugli, R., H. Brackley, M., Williams, G. B., & Lesser, J. (2010). Sexual abuse and posttraumatic stress disorder in adult women with severe mental illness: A pilot study. <i>Issues in Mental Health Nursing</i> , 31(7), 456-460.	wrong study focus
Bownes, I. T., O'Gorman, E. C., & Sayers, A. (1991). Psychiatric symptoms, behavioural responses and post-traumatic stress disorder in rape victims. <i>Issues in Criminological & Legal Psychology</i> , 1(17), 25–33.	wrong study focus
Boyraz, G., & Waits, J. B. (2018). Interpersonal trauma and physical health symptoms in college students: Mediating effects of substance use and self-blame. <i>Journal of Loss and Trauma</i> , 23(1), 70-87.	wrong study focus
Braitman, A. L., Battles, A. R., Kelley, M. L., Hamrick, H. C., Cramer, R. J., Ehlke, S., & Bravo, A. J. (2018). Psychometric Properties of a Modified Moral Injury Questionnaire in a Military Population. <i>Traumatology</i> , 24(4), 301–312.	wrong study focus
Brewin, C. R., Garnett, R., & Andrews, B. (2011). Trauma, identity and mental health in UK military veterans. <i>Psychological Medicine</i> , 41(8), 1733-1740.	wrong study focus
Brown, E. A., De Young, A., Kimble, R., & Kenardy, J. (2019). The role of parental acute psychological distress in paediatric burn re-epithelialization. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 24(4), 876-895.	wrong study focus
Bryan, C. J., Bryan, A. O., Roberge, E., Leifker, F. R., & Rozek, D. C. (2018). Moral injury, posttraumatic stress disorder, and suicidal behavior among National Guard personnel. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy</i> , 10(1), 36–45.	insufficient data provided
Bryan, C. J., Morrow, C. E., Etienne, N., & Ray-Sannerud, B. (2013). Guilt, shame, and suicidal ideation in a military outpatient clinical sample. <i>Depression and Anxiety</i> , 30(1), 55-60.	guilt-proneness/trait-guilt
Bryan, C. J., Ray-Sannerud, B., Morrow, C. E., & Etienne, N. (2013). Guilt is more strongly associated with suicidal ideation among military personnel with direct combat exposure. <i>Journal of affective disorders</i> , 148(1), 37-41.	sample duplicate (Brown 2013)
Bryan, C. J., Roberge, E., Bryan, A. O., Ray-Sannerud, B., Morrow, C. E., & Etienne, N. (2015). Guilt as a mediator of the relationship between depression and posttraumatic stress with suicide ideation in two samples of military personnel and veterans. <i>International Journal of Cognitive Therapy</i> , 8(2), 143-155.	guilt-proneness/trait-guilt
Buck, N., Kindt, M., Arntz, A., van den Hout, M., & Schouten, E. (2008). Psychometric properties of the trauma relevant assumptions scale. <i>Journal of Anxiety Disorders</i> , 22(8), 1496-1509.	wrong study focus
Buodo, G., Novara, C., Ghisi, M., & Palomba, D. (2012). Posttraumatic and depressive symptoms in victims of occupational accidents. <i>Depression Research and Treatment</i> , 2012, 184572.	insufficient data provided
Burke, K., Muscara, F., McCarthy, M., Dimovski, A., Hearps, S., Anderson, V., & Walser, R. (2014). Adapting acceptance and commitment therapy for parents of children with life-threatening illness: Pilot study. <i>Families, Systems, & Health</i> , 32(1), 122–127.	wrong study focus
Bykhovets, J. V., & Padun, M. A. (2019). Personal Anxiety and Emotion Regulation in the Context of Study of Post-Traumatic Stress. <i>Clinical Psychology and Special Education</i> , 8(1), 78-89.	no validated PTSD measure
Cahill-Phillips, M. B. (1992). <i>The Demeter effect: Trauma and reparation in mothers of victimized children</i> . (Publication No. 9230662) [Doctoral dissertation, California School of Professional Psychology-Berkeley/Alameda]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.	wrong study focus
Cantón-Cortés, D., & Cantón, J. (2010). Coping with child sexual abuse among college students and post-traumatic stress disorder: The role of continuity of abuse and relationship with the perpetrator. <i>Child Abuse & Neglect</i> , 34(7), 496-506.	wrong study focus
Cantón-Cortés, D., Cantón, J., & Cortés, M. R. (2012). The interactive effect of blame attribution with characteristics of child sexual abuse on posttraumatic stress disorder. <i>The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease</i> , 200(4), 329-335.	sample duplicate (Cantón-Cortés 2011)
Capone, C., Tripp, J. C., Trim, R. S., Davis, B. C., Haller, M., & Norman, S. B. (2020). Comparing exposure and coping skills-based treatments on trauma-related guilt in veterans with co-occurring alcohol use and posttraumatic stress disorders. <i>Journal of Traumatic Stress</i> , 33(4), 603-609.	sample duplicate (Lyons 2019)

Carbonaro Jr, S. P. (2019). <i>Moral reasoning as a moderator of the relationship between post-traumatic stress, shame and guilt, and self-efficacy for alcohol abstinence</i> . (Publication No. 13426017) [Doctoral dissertation, Fielding Graduate University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.	guilt-proneness/trait-guilt
Carlier, I., & Gersons, B. (1995). De Korte-Termijn Gevolgen van de Bijlmerramp. <i>De Psycholoog</i> , 30, 172-177.	wrong study focus
Carmassi, C., Bertelloni, C.A., Gesi, C., Conversano, C., Stratta, P., Massimetti, G., Rossi, A., & Dell'Osso, L. (2017). New DSM-5 PTSD guilt and shame symptoms among Italian earthquake survivors: Impact on maladaptive behaviors. <i>Psychiatry Research</i> , 251, 142-147.	guilt not measured separately
Carroll, K. K., Lofgreen, A. M., Weaver, D. C., Held, P., Klassen, B. J., Smith, D. L., Karnik, N. S., Pollack, M. H., & Zalta, A. K. (2018). Negative posttraumatic cognitions among military sexual trauma survivors. <i>Journal of Affective Disorders</i> , 238, 88-93.	wrong study focus
Cerone, M. R. (2000). <i>Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing in the psychological treatment of combat-related guilt: A study of the effects of eye movements</i> . (Publication No. 9990301) [Doctoral dissertation, Temple University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.	wrong study focus
Chemtob, C. M., Bauer, G. B., Neller, G., Hamada, R., Glisson, C., & Stevens, V. (1990). Post-traumatic stress disorder among special forces Vietnam veterans. <i>Military Medicine</i> , 155(1), 16-20.	no validated PTSD measure
Chung, M. C., & Reed, J. (2017). Posttraumatic stress disorder following stillbirth: Trauma characteristics, locus of control, posttraumatic cognitions. <i>Psychiatric Quarterly</i> , 88(2), 307-321.	insufficient data provided
Cofini, V., Carbonelli, A., Cecilia, M. R., Binkin, N., & di Orio, F. (2015). Post traumatic stress disorder and coping in a sample of adult survivors of the Italian earthquake. <i>Psychiatry Research</i> , 229(1-2), 353-358.	no validated PTSD measure (Italian translation)
Constans, J. I., Vasterling, J. J., Deitch, E., Han, X., Tharp, A. L. T., Davis, T. D., & Sullivan, G. (2012). Pre-Katrina mental illness, postdisaster negative cognitions, and PTSD symptoms in male veterans following Hurricane Katrina. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 4(6), 568.	wrong study focus
Contractor, A. A., Banducci, A. N., Dolan, M., Keegan, F., & Weiss, N. H. (2019). Relation of positive memory recall count and accessibility with post-trauma mental health. <i>Memory</i> , 27(8), 1130-1143.	wrong study focus
Cooper, A. A., Zoellner, L. A., Roy-Byrne, P., Mavissakalian, M. R., & Feeny, N. C. (2017). Do changes in trauma-related beliefs predict PTSD symptom improvement in prolonged exposure and sertraline?. <i>Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology</i> , 85(9), 873.	wrong study focus
Cox, K. S., Resnick, H. S., & Kilpatrick, D. G. (2014). Prevalence and correlates of posttrauma distorted beliefs: Evaluating DSM-5 PTSD expanded cognitive symptoms in a national sample. <i>Journal of Traumatic Stress</i> , 27(3), 299-306.	wrong study focus
Creamer, M. (1989). Post-traumatic stress disorder: Some diagnostic and clinical issues. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry</i> , 23(4), 517-522.	wrong study focus
Crespo, M., & Gómez, M. (2015). Development and validation of the Global Assessment of Post-traumatic Stress scale. <i>Revista de Victimología/Journal of Victimization</i> , 2, 55-71.	wrong study focus
Crisford, H., Dare, H., & Evangelisti, M. (2008). Offence-related posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptomatology and guilt in mentally disordered violent and sexual offenders. <i>The Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology</i> , 19(1), 86-107.	no validated PTSD measure
Crocker, L. D., Haller, M., Norman, S. B., & Angkaw, A. C. (2016). Shame versus trauma-related guilt as mediators of the relationship between PTSD symptoms and aggression among returning veterans. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 8(4), 520-527.	sample duplicate (Browne 2015)
Cromer, L. D., & Smyth, J. M. (2010). Making meaning of trauma: Trauma exposure doesn't tell the whole story. <i>Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy</i> , 40(2), 65-72.	insufficient data provided
Currier, J. M., Holland, J. M., Jones, H. W., & Sheu, S. (2014). Involvement in abusive violence among Vietnam veterans: Direct and indirect associations with substance use problems and suicidality. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 6(1), 73-82.	guilt not measured quantitatively

Czarnocka, J., & Slade, P. (2000). Prevalence and predictors of post-traumatic stress symptoms following childbirth. <i>British Journal of Clinical Psychology</i> , 39(1), 35-51.	wrong study focus
Daniels, J. K., Hegadoren, K., Coupland, N. J., Rowe, B. H., Neufeld, R. W. J., & Lanius, R. A. (2011). Cognitive distortions in an acutely traumatized sample: an investigation of predictive power and neural correlates. <i>Psychological Medicine</i> , 41(10), 2149-2157.	wrong study focus
Davidson, J. R., Kudler, H. S., Saunders, W. B., & Smith, R. D. (1990). Symptom and comorbidity patterns in World War II and Vietnam veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder. <i>Comprehensive Psychiatry</i> , 31(2), 162-170.	wrong study focus
Dekel, S., Mamon, D., Solomon, Z., Lanman, O., & Dishy, G. (2016). Can guilt lead to psychological growth following trauma exposure?. <i>Psychiatry Research</i> , 236, 196-198.	no validated PTSD measure
Delahanty, D. L., Herberman, H. B., Craig, K. J., Hayward, M. C., Fullerton, C. S., Ursano, R. J., & Baum, A. (1997). Acute and chronic distress and posttraumatic stress disorder as a function of responsibility for serious motor vehicle accidents. <i>Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology</i> , 65(4), 560-567.	wrong study focus
DeLeo, B. B. (1991). <i>The treatment efficacy of time-limited group therapy with adult incest survivors</i> [Doctoral dissertation, California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.	PTSD measure not based on DSM/ICD
Dennis, P. A., Dennis, N. M., Van Voorhees, E. E., Calhoun, P. S., Dennis, M. F., & Beckham, J. C. (2017). Moral transgression during the Vietnam War: A path analysis of the psychological impact of veterans' involvement in wartime atrocities. <i>Anxiety, Stress, & Coping</i> , 30(2), 188-201.	sample duplicate (Cunningham 2017)
DePrince, A. P., Huntjens, R. J., & Dorahy, M. J. (2015). Alienation appraisals distinguish adults diagnosed with DID from PTSD. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy</i> , 7(6), 578-582.	insufficient data provided
Dewey, D., & Schuldberg, D. (2013). Criterion A, peritraumatic emotions, and posttraumatic stress disorder. <i>Traumatology</i> , 19(4), 323-328.	insufficient data provided
Dewey, D., Schuldberg, D., & Madathil, R. (2014). Do peritraumatic emotions differentially predict PTSD symptom clusters? Initial evidence for emotion specificity. <i>Psychological Reports</i> , 115(1), 1-12	insufficient data provided
Dillon, K. H., Hale, W. J., LoSavio, S. T., Wachen, J. S., Pruijsma, K. E., Yarvis, J. S., Mintz, J., Litz, B. T., Peterson, A. L., Resick, P. A., & STRONG STAR Consortium (2020). Weekly Changes in Blame and PTSD Among Active-Duty Military Personnel Receiving Cognitive Processing Therapy. <i>Behavior Therapy</i> , 51(3), 386-400.	wrong study focus
Donde, S. D. (2017). College women's assignment of blame versus responsibility for sexual assault experiences. <i>Violence against women</i> , 23(14), 1671-1688.	wrong study focus
Dorahy, M. J., Corry, M., Shannon, M., Webb, K., McDermott, B., Ryan, M., & Dyer, K. F. (2013). Complex trauma and intimate relationships: The impact of shame, guilt and dissociation. <i>Journal of affective disorders</i> , 147(1-3), 72-79.	no validated PTSD measure
Dörfel, D., Rabe, S., & Karl*, A. (2008). Coping strategies in daily life as protective and risk factors for post traumatic stress in motor vehicle accident survivors. <i>Journal of Loss and Trauma</i> , 13(5), 422-440.	no validated PTSD measure (German translation)
Dorflinger, L. M., & Masheb, R. M. (2018). PTSD is associated with emotional eating among veterans seeking treatment for overweight/obesity. <i>Eating Behaviors</i> , 31, 8-11.	wrong study focus
Douglas, E. M. (2013). Symptoms of posttraumatic stress among child welfare workers who experience a maltreatment fatality on their caseload. <i>Journal of evidence-based social work</i> , 10(4), 373-387.	wrong study focus
Duffy, M., Bolton, D., Gillespie, K., Ehlers, A., & Clark, D. M. (2013). A community study of the psychological effects of the Omagh car bomb on adults. <i>PloS One</i> , 8(9), e76618.	insufficient data provided
Dyer, A. S., Feldmann Jr, R. E., & Borgmann, E. (2015). Body-related emotions in posttraumatic stress disorder following childhood sexual abuse. <i>Journal of child sexual abuse</i> , 24(6), 627-640.	wrong study focus

Dyer, K. F., Dorahy, M. J., Corry, M., Black, R., Matheson, L., Coles, H., ... & Middleton, W. (2017). Comparing shame in clinical and nonclinical populations: Preliminary findings. <i>Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy</i> , 9(2), 173.	guilt not trauma-related
Dyer, K. F., Dorahy, M. J., Shannon, M., & Corry, M. (2013). Trauma typology as a risk factor for aggression and self-harm in a complex PTSD population: The mediating role of alterations in self-perception. <i>Journal of Trauma & Dissociation</i> , 14(1), 56-68.	wrong study focus
Egberts, M. R., Van de Schoot, R., Geenen, R., & Van Loey, N. E. (2017). Parents' posttraumatic stress after burns in their school-aged child: A prospective study. <i>Health Psychology</i> , 36(5), 419-428.	PTSD measure not based on DSM/ICD
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Appendix D
Characteristics of Included Studies: Cross-sectional Association

Study	Country	Sample	Trauma Type (Time Since Trauma)	% Female	Mean Age (SD)	% PTSD Diagnosis	PTSD Measure	Guilt Measure	Effect Size
Abolghasemi 2013	Iran	veteran (n = 40)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	37.5	45.20 (9.29)	100	IES-R	PTCI	0.40
		traumatized civilians (n = 40)	n.r. (n.r.)	50	39.60 (7.73)	0	IES-R	PTCI	
Allen 2016	USA	mixed (n = 315)	sexual assault (8.74 years, SD 10.19)	58.7	27.30 (10.80)	23.2	PCL-5	PTCI	0.27
Allred 2007	USA	female student survivors of (attempted) rape (n = 94)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	25.96 (9.59) ^a	n.r.	PDS	RAQ	0.481
Argento 2021	USA	Community (n = 573)	mixed (n.r.)	51.8	n.r.	28.3	PCL-5	TRGI	0.44
Backholm 2015	Norway	journalists (n = 366)	terror attack (8-9 months)	38.8	36.03 (10.09)	n.r.	IES-R	5 items developed for purpose of study	0.36
Badgett 2008	USA	veterans and active-duty military (n = 163)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	14.1	53.00 (13.00)	34.4	PCL	STRGS-WZ	0.80
Badour 2020	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 64)	sexual assault (n.r.; mean age at assault 13.64)	100	29.91 (12.44)	17.2	CAPS	PTCI	0.35
Bailey 2021	USA	female victims of stalking (n = 82)	stalking (1 month)	100	26.00 (3.28)	20-30	PCL-5	PTCI	0.486
Banerjee 2018	USA	Men who have sex with men (n = 290)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	0	37.95 (11.68)	42.2	DTS	PTCI	0.18
Bean 2002	South Africa	battered women (n = 40)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	35.00 (n.r.)	59	PDS	TRGI	0.43
Beck 2015	USA	MVA survivors (n = 301)	MVA (2.92 years; SD 5.83)	72.8	43.54 (12.41)	55.1	CAPS	PTCI	0.03
Beckham 1998	USA	male veterans (n = 151)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	0	50.00 (3.50)	n.r.	DTS	TRGI	Intrusion: 0.236 Avoidance: 0.332 Hyperarousal: 0.241

		(Cunningham 2017 sample)							
Benfer 2020	USA	Community (n = 812)	mixed (n.r.)	n.r.	36.90 (10.91)	n.r.	PCL-5	PTCI-9	0.59
Berman 2018	Israel	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 38)	sexual assault (18.3 months; SD 10.0) ^b	100	25.31 (4.46)	66	PCL-5	RAQ	0.67 Intrusion: 0.60 Avoidance: 0.41 Hyperarousal: 0.55 Negative Alterations: 0.57
Bernardi 2019	Australia	European-Australian trauma survivors (n = 71)	mixed (mainly assault) (> 6 months)	62.3	39.30 (12.48)	77	PCL-5	PTCI	0.81
Bernardi 2019	Australia	Asian-Australian trauma survivors (n= 73)	mixed (mainly assault) (> 6 months)	57.5	35.01 (12.38)	89	PCL-5	PTCI	0.70
Berzengi 2017	UK	Muslim trauma survivors with PTSD (n = 32)	mixed (mixed)	50	36.38 (12.36)	100	PDS	PTCI	
		Muslim trauma survivors without PTSD (n = 55)	mixed (mixed)	27.3	36.84 (11.72)	0	PDS	PTCI	-0.15
Berzengi 2017	Iraq	Muslim trauma survivors (n = 100)	mixed (mixed)	47.0	28.29 (11.61)	n.r.	PDS	PTCI	0.32
Blain 2013	USA	sexual assault survivors (n = 169)	sexual assault (17.06 years; SD 14.55)	86.4	38.18 (11.57)	100	CAPS	PTCI	0.13 Intrusion: 0.15 Avoidance: 0.02 Hyperarousal: 0.15
Bolster 2015	UK	community (n = 73)	mixed (n.r.)	83.6	n.r.	15.1	PDS	PTCI	0.36
Bomyea 2017	USA	veterans (n = 100)	interpersonal trauma (n.r.)	56	41.97 (n.r.)	n.r.	PCL-5	TRGI	0.16
Bovin 2014	USA	female community (n = 63)	mixed (n.r.)	100	34.48 (9.89)	52.4	CAPS	single item (CAPS)	0.515
Boyraz 2016	USA	community (n = 319)	mixed (n.r.)	78.4	29.06 (10.69)	n.r.	PCL-C	Brief COPE	Intrusion: 0.40 Avoidance: 0.45 Hyperarousal: 0.40
Boysan 2017	Turkey	mixed (n = 462)	mixed (n.r.)	61.0	25.18 (7.50) ^a	6.3	PCL-5	PTCI	0.48 Intrusion: 0.41 Avoidance: 0.38 Hyperarousal: 0.39 Negative Alterations: 0.49

Brady 1998	USA	female trauma survivors (n = 50)	MVA and domestic violence (mixed)	100	n.r.	n.r.	PSS-SR	combination of 4 items	-0.03
Britt 2017	USA	active-duty military: Iraq (n = 1,679)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	n.r.	n.r.	9.8	PCL	Brief COPE	0.36
Britt 2017	USA	active-duty military: Afghanistan (n = 716)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	n.r.	n.r.	12.1	PCL	Brief COPE	0.29
Browne 2012	UK	journalists (n = 50)	mixed (≤ 1 year)	37	n.r.	n.r.	PCL-C	TRGI	0.12
Browne 2015	USA	veterans (n = 132-147)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	0	33.10 (8.29)	80.0	PCL-S	TRGI	0.43
Camp 2017	USA	female victims of sexual assault (n = 120)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	29.47 (8.00)	64.2	PCL-5	RAQ	0.67
Campbell 2007	UK	veterans with PTSD (n = 22)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	2.4 ^b	66.30 (17.30) ^a	100	SPTSS	PTCI	
		veterans without PTSD (n = 22)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	2.4 ^b	66.30 (17.30) ^a	0	SPTSS	PTCI	0.36
Cantón-Cortés 2011	Spain	female students (n = 163)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	19.69 (1.70)	n.r.	EGS	ARBS	Intrusion: 0.377 Avoidance: 0.438 Hyperarousal: 0.144
Carek 2010	UK	informal care givers of stroke patients (n = 51)	medical condition of a close one (6.3 months; SD 3.74) ^b	63.0 ^b	58.92 (17.59) ^a	20.0	PDS	PTCI	0.47
Carretta 2020	USA	victims of stranger harassment (n = 367)	stranger harassment (n.r.)	97	24.80 (3.36)	n.r.	PCL-5	Coping with Discrimination Scale	0.51
Cieslak 2008	USA	female survivors of childhood sexual abuse (n = 66)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.; onset age 7.63)	100	33.95 (10.53)	39.4	IES-R	PTCI	-0.10
Clifton 2017	USA	community (n = 116)	mixed (12.02 years; SD 12.24)	75.9	36.60 (11.30)	100	PSS-I	TRGI	0.18
Cunningham 2017	USA	veterans (n = 988)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	2.1	50.00 (9.74)	92.3	M-PTSD	TRGI	0.40

Cunningham 2018	USA	veterans and active-duty military (n = 61)	war-related (mixed) (n.r.)	16.9	40.00 (12.26)	n.r.	PCL-5	combination of 15 items	0.56
Daie-Gabai 2011	Israel	mixed (n = 326)	mixed (26.99 months; SD 59.71)	54.6	35.29 (12.50)	32.5	PDS	PTCI	0.12
Daignault 2021	Canada	mothers of children who have been sexually abused (n = 298)	childhood sexual abuse (of child) (n.r.)	100	35.78 (6.29)	23.9	MPSS-SR	FES	0.305
Davis 2016	USA	veterans (n = 51)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	9.8	39.33 (10.81)	100	CAPS	PTCI	0.18
DePrince 2011	USA	students (n = 98)	mixed (n.r.)	76	20.32 (2.88)	n.r.	M-PTSD-R	TAQ	0.521
DePrince 2011	USA	female mixed (n = 91)	interpersonal trauma (n.r.)	100	30.53 (6.20)	n.r.	PDS	TAQ	0.426
DePrince 2011	USA	female survivors of intimate partner violence (n = 236)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	33.40 (11.00)	n.r.	PDS	TAQ	0.602
de Young 2014	Australia	parents of children with burn injury (n = 96)	medical condition of child (1 month)	92.5 ^b	32.88 (5.36) ^a	22	PDS	Brief COPE	0.38
Dillon 2001	USA	LGB community (n = 399)	mixed (n.r.)	40.4	♀ 32.00 (9.50) ♂ 36.10 (10.10)	31	PDS	15 items from previous study	0.35
Dunmore 1999	UK	mixed with PTSD (n = 63)	physical & sexual assault (18.9 months; SD 20.5)	35.71	40.20 (15.50)	100	PSS-SR	6 items from previous study	
	UK	mixed without PTSD (n = 25)	physical & sexual assault (20.4 months; SD 26.4)	53.13	37.00 (16.80)	0	PSS-SR	6 items from previous study	0.16
Dwyer 2010	USA	battered women (n = 156)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	33.90 (9.94)	45.3	PDS	TRGI	0.276
Elsesser 2007	Germany	community with PTSD (n = 20)	mixed (634.4 days; SD 625)	50	41.35 (13.69)	100	DIPS/ADIS-R	PTCI	
		community without PTSD (n = 38)	mixed (27.2 days; SD 11.57)	55.6	40.94 (12.39)	0	IES-R	PTCI	0.27

Engelbrecht 2020	UK	British students (n = 34)	mixed (7.88 years; SD 6.91)	82.4	23.00 (6.29)	n.r.	IES-R	PTCI	0.11
Engelbrecht 2020	UK	Asian students (n = 41)	mixed (6.49 years; SD 6.57)	78.1	23.00 (4.16)	n.r.	IES-R	PTCI	0.25
Engelbrecht 2020	UK	British with PTSD (n = 15)	mixed (n.r.)	53.3	41.60 (12.40)	100	PCL	PTCI	
		British without PTSD (n = 33)	mixed (n.r.)	45.5	34.21 (8.30)	0	PCL	PTCI	0.41
Engelbrecht 2020	UK	Asians with PTSD (n = 19)	mixed (n.r.)	78.9	33.11 (10.06)	100	PCL	PTCI	
		Asians without PTSD (n = 28)	mixed (n.r.)	64.3	28.21 (8.83)	0	PCL	PTCI	0.45
Feinstein 2018	Europe/USA	journalists (n = 80)	war-related (refugee crisis) (< 3 years)	41.2	42.95 (8.44)	n.r.	IES-R	single item developed for purpose of study	intrusion: -0.33
Filipas 2006	USA	female students (n = 126)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	19.60 (2.40)	n.r.	PDS	single item from previous study	0.38
Flicker 2012	USA	battered women (n = 131)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	34.00 (10.10)	n.r.	MPSS-SR	Brief COPE	0.47
Foa 1999	UK & USA	mixed (n = 332)	mixed (mixed)	38.31	29.29 (n.r.)	47.9	PDS	PTCI & PBRS	0.406
Ford 2012	USA	mothers of young children (n = 145)	mixed (n.r.)	100	30.70 (6.90)	79.6	CAPS	Brief COPE	0.26
Frankfurt 2017	USA	male veterans (n = 190)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	0	55.07 (15.30)	n.r.	PCL-M	single item (M-PTSD)	0.21
Freed 2017	USA	female survivors of interpersonal violence (n = 67)	physical & sexual assault; childhood & adulthood (16.2 years; SD 13.77)	100	36.97 (11.88)	67.2	PCL-5	TRGI	0.38
Germain 2016	Australia	male veterans (n = 149)	war-related (combat) (> 35 years)	0	62.00 (3.85)	77.9	PDS	PTCI	0.23
Gonzalez 2011	USA	male veterans and active-duty military (n = 131)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	0	30.10 (6.79)	n.r.	PCL-M	DREQ	0.69
Gonzalez 2011	USA	male veterans (n = 67)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	0	30.76 (6.50)	n.r.	PCL-M	DREQ-short	0.60

Hamrick 2019	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 207)	sexual assault (7.38 years; SD 8.51)	100	27.07 (9.62)	56.6	PCL-5	RAQ	0.564
Hassija 2012	USA	students (n = 68)	physical & sexual assault (n.r.)	89.7	20.57 (3.73)	35.5	PCL	single item (developed for purpose of study)	0.25
Hassija 2013	USA	students (n = 89)	sexual assault (n.r.)	95.5	21.62 (6.44)	33.7	PCL	MSA	0.23
Held 2011	USA	veterans (n = 174)	war-related (mixed) (n.r.)	28.2	51.01 (9.39)	n.r.	CAPS	TRGI	0.23
Held 2015	USA	substance users (n = 72)	mixed (n.r.)	31.9	34.37 (11.42)	n.r.	PCL-S	SSGS (trauma-focused)	0.336
Holder 2019	USA	female veterans (n = 56)	war-related (sexual assault) (\geq 3 months)	100	44.63 (10.09)	100	PCL-M	PTCI	0.21
Horsch 2012	UK	mothers of children with Type 1 diabetes (n = 57)	medical condition of child (35.2 months; SD 16.6)	100	40.20 (5.90)	n.r.	PDS	PTCI	0.64
Horsch 2015	UK	mothers (n = 46)	stillbirth (< 3 months)	100	31.92 (4.98)	n.r.	SCID	PTCI	0.36
Horwitz 2018	USA	veterans and active-duty military (n = 177)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	33.9	41.70 (9.40)	100	PCL-5	PTCI	0.52
Hostetler 2020	USA	male veterans (n = 64)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	0	n.r.	100	PCL-5	TRGI	Hyperarousal: 0.38
Huang 2015	USA	veterans and active-duty military (n = 289)	war-related (not further specified) (mixed)	15.6	30.20 (7.98)	42.9	PCL-M	LPGI	0.87
Hundt 2012	USA	veterans (n = 264)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	9	43.10 (14.10)	n.r.	PCL-C	TRGI	0.28
Ironson 2019	USA	Men who have sex with men (n = 290)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	0	37.95 (11.68)	38.9	DTS	PTCI	0.18
Jawed 2014	USA	incarcerated male offenders (n = 77)	non-sexual violent crimes (47.2 months)	0	37.84 (12.44)	n.r.	PCL-S	ORSGS	0.59
Jayawickreme 2012	USA	male patients with comorbid PTSD & alcohol dependence (n = 109)	n.r. (> 1 month)	0	42.69 (10.02)	100	PSS-I	PTCI	0.26

Jayawickreme 2012	USA	female patients with comorbid PTSD & alcohol dependence (n= 58)	n.r. (> 1 month)	100	42.45 (9.42)	100	PSS-I	PTCI	0.16
Jelinek 2013	Germany	elderly civilians with PTSD (n = 20)	war-related (displacement as child) (n.r.; World War II)	70.0	70.95 (2.51)	100	PDS	PTCI	
		elderly civilians without PTSD (n = 24)	war-related (displacement as child) (n.r.; World War II)	62.5	70.88 (1.78)	0	PDS	PTCI	0.2
Jinkerson 2019	USA	veterans (n = 72)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	12.5	n.r.	n.r.	PCL-5	TRGI	0.518 Intrusion: 0.481 Avoidance: 0.506 Hyperarousal: 0.560 Negative Alterations: 0.628
Johnson 2013	USA	incarcerated women (n= 163)	interpersonal trauma (n.r.)	100	34.96 (9.85)	70	PCL-C	Brief COPE	0.39
Karl 2009	Germany	MVA survivors with PTSD (n = 33)	MVA (58.64 months; SD 84.49)	53.3	42.36 (12.72)	100	CAPS	PTCI	
		MVA survivors with PTSD (n = 45)	MVA (50.62 months; SD 71.56)	78.8	42.33 (14.25)	0	CAPS	PTCI	0.28
Kazmierczak 2016	Poland	MVA survivors (n = 289)	MVA (1-6 months)	33.2	n.r.	n.r.	PTSD-F	PTCI	0.27
Kline 2021	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 126)	sexual assault (1-2 months)	100	33.03 (10.55)	n.r.	PCL-C	RAQ	0.51
Kolts 2004	USA	students (n = 156)	mixed (n.r.)	67.31	24.00 (8.70)	14.1	MPSS-SR	PTCI	0.3
Kubany 1995	USA	veterans (n = 58)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	n.r.	45.59 (3.77)	78-79	M-PTSD	6 items developed for study (preceding of TRGI)	0.39
Kubany 1995	USA	battered women (n= 50)	intimate partner violence (mixed)	100	29.80 (6.18)	54	Penn Inventory	6 items developed for study (preceding of TRGI)	0.47

Kubany 1996	USA	battered women (n = 100)	intimate partner violence (mixed)	100	33.80 (8.40)	35.0	MPSS-SR	TRGI	0.403
Kubany 1996	USA	veterans (n = 74)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	n.r.	47.20 (4.10)	62.0	PCL (DSM-III)	TRGI	0.605
Kubany 1996	USA	battered women (n = 68)	intimate partner violence (mixed)	100	34.20 (13.40)	37.0	PCL (DSM-III)	TRGI	0.445
Lancaster 2011	USA	students (n = 405)	mixed (n.r.)	53.1	19.43 (3.56)	n.r.	PCL-S	PTCI	Intrusion: 0.180 Avoidance: 0.259 Hyperarousal: 0.199
Laposa 2003	Canada	emergency room workers (n = 53)	mixed work-related (n.r.)	90.57	36.50 (n.r.)	12.0	PDS	PTCI	0.37
Larsen 2011	USA	female survivors of sexual harassment (n = 189)	sexual harassment (n.r.)	100	40.49 (10.72)	n.r.	PCL-C	RAQ	0.27
Lee 2020	USA	male veterans (n = 236)	war-related (mainly combat) (27.83 years)	0	56.20 (11.96)	100	CAPS-5	CERQ-Short	0.36
Levine 2011	Canada	homeless women (n = 24)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	36.95 (11.02)	87.5	PCL-C	Behavioural and Characterological Self-Blame Scale	0.036
Lommen 2009	Sri Lanka	tsunami survivors (n = 113)	natural disaster (15 months)	71.7	35.90 (10.10)	52.2	PDS	PTCI	0.237
Lyons 2020	USA	veterans (n = 145)	mixed (n.r.)	9.7	41.20 (12.80)	100	CAPS-5	PTCI	0.37
Maddox 2011	UK	female rape survivors (n= 22)	sexual assault (1-18 months)	95.5	28.77 (n.r.)	100	PDS	PTCI	0.32
Majeed 2021	USA	battered women (n = 242)	intimate partner violence (n.r.)	100	36.95 (12.82)	21.3	CAPS	PTCI	0.30
Marra 2009	USA	substance users (n = 213)	mixed (n.r.)	46.5	37.50 (8.42)	81.2	TSI	PTCI	0.23
Marx 2010	USA	male veterans (n = 1323)	war-related (combat) (17-25 years)	0	43.28 (3.77)	59.0	SCID	LPGI	0.73
Matthews 2009	Australia	medical patients with physical injury (n = 69)	medical condition (8.4 months; SD 3.72)	44.9	36.88 (9.15)	18.8	PCL	PTCI	0.246
McConnell 2020	USA	female survivors of rape (n = 161)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	22.24 (2.12)	28.6 – 58.6 (depending)	PCL-C	single item (developed for Intrusion: 0.04	0.07

						on rape type)		purpose of study)	Avoidance: 0.04 Hyperarousal: 0.10
McLean 2017	USA	active-duty military (n= 366)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	12	32.73 (7.34)	100	PSS-I	PTCI & TRGI	0.175
McMeekin 2017	USA	critical care nurses (n = 369)	patient loss (4 months; SD 6) ^b	90.7 ^b	41.80 (12.4) ^a	n.r.	IES-R	Brief COPE	0.70
McPhearson 1998	USA	male veterans (n = 56)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	0	50.73 (9.23)	48.21	PCL-S	4 items developed for purpose of study	0.736
Mokma 2016	USA	female victims of childhood sexual abuse (n = 90)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	18.89 (0.98) ^a	n.r.	TSI	CDS	0.47
Mong 2012	USA	civilians affected by Deep Water Horizon disaster (n = 123)	industrial disaster (5.5 months)	41 ^b	41.40 (14.60) ^a	92	SPRINT	Brief COPE	0.59
Morris 2021	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 102)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	20.17 (1.76)	n.r.	PCL-5	PTCI	0.74
Moser 2007	USA	students (n = 379)	mixed (n.r.)	57.52	n.r.	n.r.	PDS	PTCI	0.32
Mueller 2008	Germany	crime victims (n = 86)	mixed (5.32 months; SD 1.7)	59.3	46.12 (17.68)	n.r.	IES-R	PTCI	0.38
Müller 2010	Germany	mixed (n = 403)	accidents & physical/sexual assault (mixed)	60.3	42.13 (15.19)	38.7	IES-R	PTCI	0.28 Intrusion: 0.25 Avoidance: 0.18 Hyperarousal: 0.29
Murray 2018	UK	mixed (n = 30)	trauma, in which others died (n.r.)	61.5 ^b	n.r.	n.r.	PDS	single item (CAPS)	0.45
Musso 2019	USA	emergency medical service personnel (n = 84)	mixed work-related (n.r.)	44.1	n.r.	n.r.	PCL-5	Brief COPE	0.521
Nalipay 2016	Philippines	student typhoon survivors (n = 632)	natural disaster (n.r.; typhoon Haiyan 2013)	79.91	18.03 (1.78)	n.r.	PCL-5	PTCI	0.396 Intrusion: 0.248 Avoidance: 0.288 Hyperarousal: 0.361 Negative Alterations: 0.426
Nelson-Pechota 2003	USA	male veterans (n = 154)	war-related (combat) (n.r.; Vietnam war)	0	56.00 (1.26)	n.r.	PDS	TRGI	0.48

Noguchi 2013	Japan	intensive care unit patients (n = 96)	MVA (1 month)	34.4	39.23 (15.63)	6.3	IES-R	PTCI	0.05
Norman 2018	USA	veterans and active-duty military (n = 254)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	10.6	35.70 (12.20)	100	CAPS	TRGI	0.431
O'Donnell 2007	Australia	medical patients with physical injury (n = 239)	medical condition (3 months)	24.9	36.12 (13.66)	9.0	CAPS	PTCI	0.12
Olatunji 2008	USA	female student survivors of (attempted) rape (n = 48)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	19.52 (1.23)	58.3	PPTSD-R	PTCI	0.62 Intrusion: 0.52 Avoidance: 0.65 Hyperarousal: 0.61
Owens 2001	USA	female community (n = 79)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.; onset age 6.3)	100	32.32 (8.70)	91.1	CAPS	PBRS	0.309
Owens 2006	USA	students (n = 115)	mixed (n.r.)	79 ^b	22.00 (5.33) ^a	n.r.	MPSS-SR	CDS	0.53
Palasciano-Barton 2013	USA	students (n = 500)	mixed (n.r.)	69	20.90 (4.03)	23.7	PCL-S	PTCI	0.37
Palasciano-Barton 2013	USA	treatment-seeking women (n = 53)	mixed (n.r.)	100	34.12 (9.79)	n.r.	PCL-S	PTCI	0.35
Palesh 2008	USA	females at high risk for HIV infection (n = 139)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	36.08 (10.18)	54.0	PCL	ARBQ	0.20
Pan 2012	USA	students (n = 473)	discrimination (n.r.)	70.2	21.01 (4.60)	n.r.	PCL-S	PTCI	0.344
Park 2013	USA	female veterans (n = 141)	childhood sexual abuse and/or military sexual trauma (n.r.)	100	46.80 (9.49)	n.r.	PCL-C	PTCI	0.263
Popiel 2015	Poland	MVA survivors (n = 280)	MVA (10.18 months; SD 6.23)	52.5	34.93 (13.71)	n.r.	PTSD-C	TRGI	0.265
Porter 2013	USA	veterans (n = 136)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	6.7	51.49 (14.50)	n.r.	CAPS	PTCI	0.15 Intrusion: 0.17 Avoidance: 0.13 Hyperarousal: 0.06
Raab 2015	USA	male veterans (n = 150)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	0	54.90 (13.30)	100	PCL	PTCI	Intrusion: 0.22 Avoidance: 0.27 Hyperarousal: 0.10
Raducha 2016	USA	veterans and active-duty military	war-related (not further specified)	35	40.08 (11.25)	n.r.	PCL-S	TRGI	0.568

		(n = 103)	(n.r.)						
Scher 2017	USA	female survivors of rape (n = 171)	sexual assault (8.5 years; SD 8.5)	100	32.00 (9.90)	100	CAPS	TRGI	0.12
Sexton 2018	USA	veterans (n = 949)	war-related (combat & sexual assault) (n.r.)	9	45.60 (16.00)	81	PCL-C	PTCI	0.31
Sheerin 2018	USA	veterans (n = 155)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	12.3	30.70 (4.48)	36.0	CAPS	PTCI	0.12
Shimp 2000	Canada	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 240)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	22.04 (5.34)	n.r.	PPTSD-R	14 items developed for purpose of study	0.39
Smigelsky 2019	USA	veterans (n = 212)	war-related (not further specified); 22.4% also childhood trauma (n.r.)	14.2	45.18 (14.35)	91	PCL-5	TRGI	0.366
Ssenyonga 2013	Uganda (refugees from DRC)	refugees (n = 89)	war-related (not further specified) (n.r.)	62.9	21.08 (1.98)	49.4	PDS	PTCI	0.27
Stadnyk 2011	Canada	nurses (n = 166)	mixed (n.r.)	90	47.03 (10.13)	25.9	PDS	PTCI	0.082 Intrusion: 0.079 Avoidance: 0.122 Hyperarousal: 0.015
Stahl 2020	USA	LGB emerging adults (n = 344)	mixed (n.r.)	70.1	n.r.	n.r.	PDS-5	PTCI	0.47
Startup 2007	Australia	community (n = 63)	mixed (mixed)	76.2	37.65 (n.r.)	58.7	PDS	PTCI	0.25
Steinmetz 2019	USA	perpetrators (n = 73)	mixed offenses (mixed)	57	36.59 (11.09)	n.r.	PCL-5	PIDS	0.75 Intrusion: 0.73 Avoidance: 0.62 Hyperarousal: 0.63 Negative Alterations: 0.75
Street 2005	USA	battered women (n = 63)	intimate partner violence (< 1 year)	100	32.00 (n.r.)	n.r.	PCL-C	TRGI	0.53
Su 2008a	Taiwan	students (n = 87)	mixed (n.r.)	51.7	21.12 (3.07)	17.1 ^b	PDS	PTCI	0.64 Intrusion: 0.61 Avoidance: 0.54 Hyperarousal: 0.60
Su 2008b	Taiwan	students (n = 61)	mixed (mixed)	59.0	19.79 (1.27)	60.7	PDS	PTCI	0.37

(no overlap with Su 2008a according to authors)									
Thompson-Hollands 2017	USA	mixed (n = 169)	mixed (16.14 years; SD 19.27)	56.3	44.13 (13.90)	78.7	CAPS-5	PTCI	0.43
Tomsis 2018	Israel	first-time mothers (n = 188)	childbirth (6-8 weeks)	100	27.40 (4.38)	1.1	PCL	CERQ-short	0.3
Tran 2019	USA	battered women (n = 257) (Majeed 2021 sample)	intimate partner violence (42.68 months; SD 66.29)	100	36.75 (12.33)	21.4	CAPS	PTCI & TRGI	Intrusion: 0.175 Avoidance: 0.260 Hyperarousal: 0.199
Tripp 2017	USA	veterans (n = 53)	war-related (combat) (> 3.81 years)	21	37.50 (11.05)	47.2	CAPS	TRGI	0.464
Tutus 2016	Germany	parents of children with PTSD (n = 113)	mixed (n.r.)	81.4	41.28 (6.47)	n.r.	PDS	PTCI	0.33
Ullman 2014	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 1521-1854)	sexual assault (n.r.)	100	31.10 (12.20)	n.r.	PDS	RAQ	0.38
Ullman 2007	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 636) (Ullman 2014 sample)	sexual assault (12.67 years; SD 10.36)	100	32.30 (10.80)	n.r.	PDS	RAQ	Intrusion: 0.203 Avoidance: 0.295 Hyperarousal: 0.223
Van Buren 2015	USA	female students (n = 46)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	22.11 (5.32)	2.17	PDS	PTCI	0.33 Intrusion: 0.28 Avoidance: 0.28 Hyperarousal: 0.26
van Emmerik 2006	Netherlands	mixed (n = 158)	mixed (n.r.)	66.5	39.38 (11.53)	67.7	SCID-I	PTCI	0.12
van Emmerik 2006	Netherlands	students (n = 178)	mixed (n.r.)	68.5	21.19 (4.37)	7.1	SIP	PTCI	0.47
Vergolias 1997	USA	male veterans (n = 81)	war-related (combat) (n.r.; Vietnam war)	0	50.00 (n.r.)	86.4	M-PTSD	TRGI	0.542
Vossbeck-Elsebusch 2014	Germany	mothers (n = 224)	childbirth (1-6 months)	100	30.54 (4.56)	12.1	PDS	PTCI	0.38
Wagner 2021	Germany	mixed (n = 154)	suicide bereavement (28.93 months; SD 56.5)	89.6	40.60 (12.67)	n.r.	IES-R	GEQ	0.41 Intrusion: 0.34 Avoidance: 0.31 Hyperarousal: 0.33

Walsh 2011	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 40)	sexual assault (21.7 months; SD 23.6)	100	34.63 (9.66)	n.r.	CAPS	SAAQ	0.274
Wenninger 1998	USA	female survivors of childhood sexual abuse (n = 43)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.)	100	38.70 (9.50)	n.r.	PSS-SR	PBRS	-0.35
Whiteman 2021	USA	students (n = 359)	mixed (n.r.)	80.2	19.50 (1.67)	17.8	PCL-5	PTCI	0.52 Intrusion: 0.37 Avoidance: 0.44 Hyperarousal: 0.48 Negative Alterations: 0.54
Whiting 2007	Australia	mixed (n = 51)	mixed (3.49 years)	68.6	31.11 (n.r.)	56.9	CAPS	PTCI	0.20
Wiblin 2021	USA	veterans (n = 115) (Holder 2019 sample)	war-related (sexual assault) (> 3 months)	89.6	45.69 (9.16)	100	CAPS	PTCI	Intrusion: 0.07 Avoidance: 0.02 Hyperarousal: 0.06
Wilkins 2013	USA	battered women (n = 28)	intimate partner violence (< 5 years)	100	38.70 (8.10)	84.6	PCL-C	TRGI	0.41
Wong 2013	USA	community (n = 70)	mixed (170.8 days; SD 191)	77.1	46.00 (11.70)	80	PCL-C	PTCI	0.34 Intrusion: 0.24 Avoidance: 0.36 Hyperarousal: 0.27
Zang 2017	USA	active-duty military (n = 366) (McLean 2017 sample)	war-related (combat) (n.r.)	12	32.73 (7.34)	100	PSS-I	PTCI	Intrusion: 0.152 Avoidance: 0.237 Hyperarousal: 0.118
Zerach 2018	Israel	veterans (n = 191)	war-related (combat) (> 4.36 years)	14.6	25.39 (2.37)	9.6	PCL-5	TRGI	0.231
Zinzow 2010	USA	female students (n = 183)	childhood sexual abuse (n.r.; age at onset 12.1)	100	19.10 (1.70)	n.r.	PPTSD-R	ARBS	0.24

Note. ADIS-R = Anxiety Disorders Interview Schedule - Revised; ARBQ = Abuse-Related Beliefs Questionnaire; ARBS = Attributions of Responsibility and Blame Scale; CAPS = Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale; CDS = Cognitive Distortion Scale; CERQ = Cognitive Emotion Regulation Questionnaire; COPE = Coping Orientation to Problems Experienced; DIPS = Diagnostisches Interview für psychische Störungen (German version of ADIS); DRC = Democratic Republic of the Congo; DREQ = Deployment-Related Emotions Questionnaire; DTS = Davidson Trauma Scale; EGS = Escala de Gravedad de Síntomas del Trastorno de Estrés Postraumático; FES = Family Empowerment Scale; GEQ = Grief Experience Questionnaire; IES-R = Impact of Event Scale – Revised;

LGB = Lesbian Gay Bisexual; LPGI = Laufer-Parson Guilt Inventory; MPSS-SR = Modified PTSD Symptom Scale – Self-Report; M-PTSD = Mississippi Scale for Combat-Related PTSD; M-PTSD-R = Revised Mississippi Scale for civilian samples; MSA = Measure of Self-Blaming Attributions; MVA = motor-vehicle accident; ORSGS = Offense-Related Shame and Guilt Scale; PBRS = Personal Beliefs and Reactions Scale; PCL = PTSD Checklist; PCL-C = PTSD Checklist – Civilian version; PCL-M = PTSD Checklist – Military version; PCL-S = PTSD Checklist – Specific version; PDS = Posttraumatic Diagnostic Scale; PIDS = Perpetration-Induced Distress Scale; PPTSD-R = Purdue PTSD Scale – Revised; PSS-I = PTSD Symptom Scale – Interview; PSS-SR = PTSD Symptom Scale – Self-Report; PTCI = Posttraumatic Cognitions Inventory; PTSD = posttraumatic stress disorder; PTSD-C = PTSD Inventory – Clinical version; PTSD-F = PTSD Factorial Version Inventory; RAQ = Rape Attribution Questionnaire; SAAQ = Sexual Assault Attribution Questionnaire; SCID = Structured Clinical Interview for the DSM; SIP = self-rating inventory for PTSD; SSGS = State Shame and Guilt Scale; SPRINT = Short Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Rating Interview; SPTSS = Screen for Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms; STRGS-WZ = sources of trauma-related guilt survey – war-zone version; TAQ = Trauma Appraisal Questionnaire; TRGI = Trauma-Related Guilt Inventory; TSI = Traumatic Stress Index.

^a = information refers to the complete sample, while correlation analyses were conducted with a subsample

^b = time refers to most recent event

Appendix E
Characteristics of Included Studies: Predictive Association

Study	Country	Sample	Trauma Type (Time Since Trauma for Guilt Assessment)	PTSD Follow-up	% Female	Mean Age (SD)	% PTSD Diagnosis	PTSD Measure	Guilt Measure	Effect Size
Bailey 2021	USA	female victims of stalking (n = 82)	stalking (< 1 month)	3 months	100	26.00 (3.28)	20-30	PCL-5	PTCI	0.264
Blayney 2016	USA	students (n = 116)	sexual assault (n.r.)	5 months	81	23.04 (0.21)	n.r.	PCL-C	PTCI	0.21
Carper 2015	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 120)	sexual assault (< 1 month)	4 months	100	32.00 (10.54)	n.r.	PCL-C	PTCI	0.26
Christiansen 2015	Denmark	bank employees (n = 368)	bank robbery (9.89 days; SD 6.30)	6 months	61.1	42.00 (12.50)	6.25	HTQ – part IV	PTCI	0.21
Cieslak 2008	USA	MVA survivors (n = 70)	MVA (7 days)	3 months	63	40.21 (14.41)	10 – 15.56	IES-R	PTCI	-0.10
De Young 2014	Australia	parents (n = 95)	burn injury of child (11.5 days)	6 months	92.5 ^b	32.88 (5.36) ^a	6	PDS	Brief COPE	0.20
Denson 2007	USA	medical patients with blunt / penetrating injury (n = 304)	community violence (mainly gunshots) (median 5 days)	12 months	6	25.10 (6.03)	20	PCL	2 items from previous study	0.18
Dunmore 2001	UK	community (n = 45)	physical & sexual assault (2 months; SD 0.8)	9 months	54.4 ^b	35.4 (12.80) ^a	n.r.	PSS-SR	6 items from previous study	0.16
Dworkin 2018	USA	lesbian and bisexual women (n = 348)	mixed (> 2 years)	12 months	96.6 (3.4% transgender, “other” or n.r.)	20.82 (2.21)	100	PCL-C	PTCI	0.18
Field 2008	UK	stroke patients (n = 81)	medical condition (19.9 days; SD 22.7) ^b	3 months	46.9	71.23 (11.74)	n.r.	PDS	PTCI	0.02
Freeman 2013	UK	mixed (n = 106)	physical assault (4-6 weeks)	6 months	25.5	34.40 (11.60)	33	PDS	PTCI	0.48
Kangas 2005	Australia	cancer patients (n = 63)	medical condition (< 1 month)	6 months	25.6 ^b	60.10 (12.20) ^a	22	CAPS	PTCI	0.116

Kaźmierczak 2016	Poland	MVA survivors (n = 289)	MVA (1-6 months)	12 months	33.2	n.r.	n.r.	PTSD-F	PTCI	0.26
Kline 2021	USA	female survivors of sexual assault (n = 126)	sexual assault (< 1 month)	4 months	100	33.03 (10.55)	n.r.	PCL-C	RAQ	0.205
Mueller 2008	Germany	crime victims (n = 86)	mixed (5.32 months; SD 1.7)	6 months	59.3	46.12 (17.68)	n.r.	IES-R	PTCI	0.27
Noguchi 2013	Japan	patients from intensive care unit (n= 96)	MVA (1 month)	6 months	34.4	39.23 (15.63)	6.3	IES-R	PTCI	-0.03
O'Donnell 2007	Australia	medical patients with physical injury (mainly from MVA) (n = 239)	mixed (8.04 days; SD 6.5)	3 months	24.9	36.12 (13.66)	9	CAPS	PTCI	-0.01
Richardson 2016	New Zealand	cancer patients (n = 65)	medical condition (< 3 months)	6 months	27.7	n.r.	18.75	PSS-SR	Brief COPE	0.53
Su 2008b	Taiwan	students (n = 61)	mixed (mixed)	3 months	59	19.79 (1.27)	60.7	PDS	PTCI	0.49

Note. CAPS = Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale; COPE = Coping Orientation to Problems Experienced; HTQ = Harvard Trauma Questionnaire; IES-R = Impact of Event Scale – Revised; MVA = motor-vehicle accident; PCL = PTSD Checklist; PCL-C = PTSD Checklist – Civilian version; PDS = Posttraumatic Diagnostic Scale; PSS-SR = PTSD Symptom Scale – Self-Report; PTCI = Posttraumatic Cognitions Inventory; PTSD-F = PTSD Factorial Version Inventory; RAQ = Rape Attribution Questionnaire.

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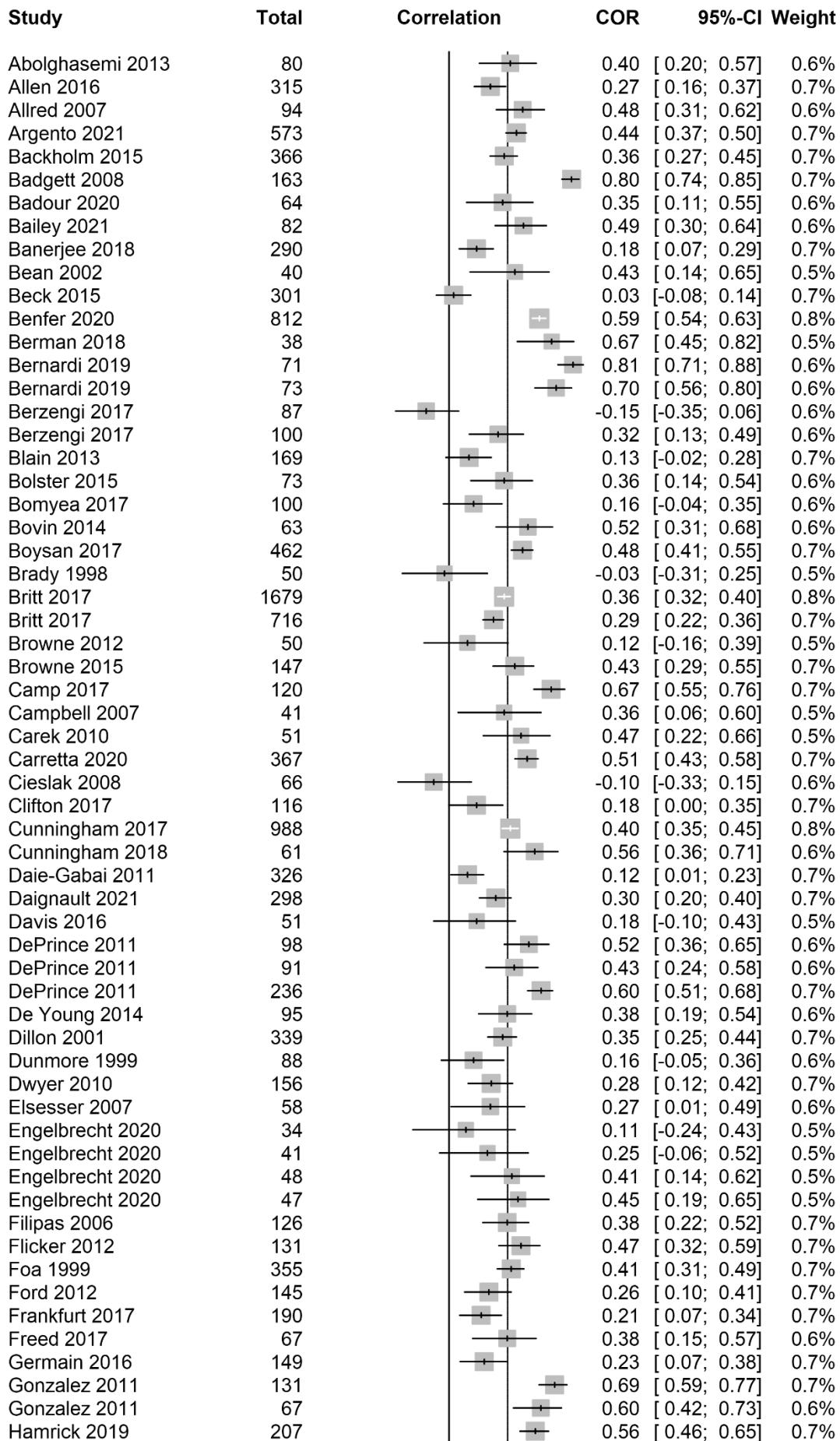
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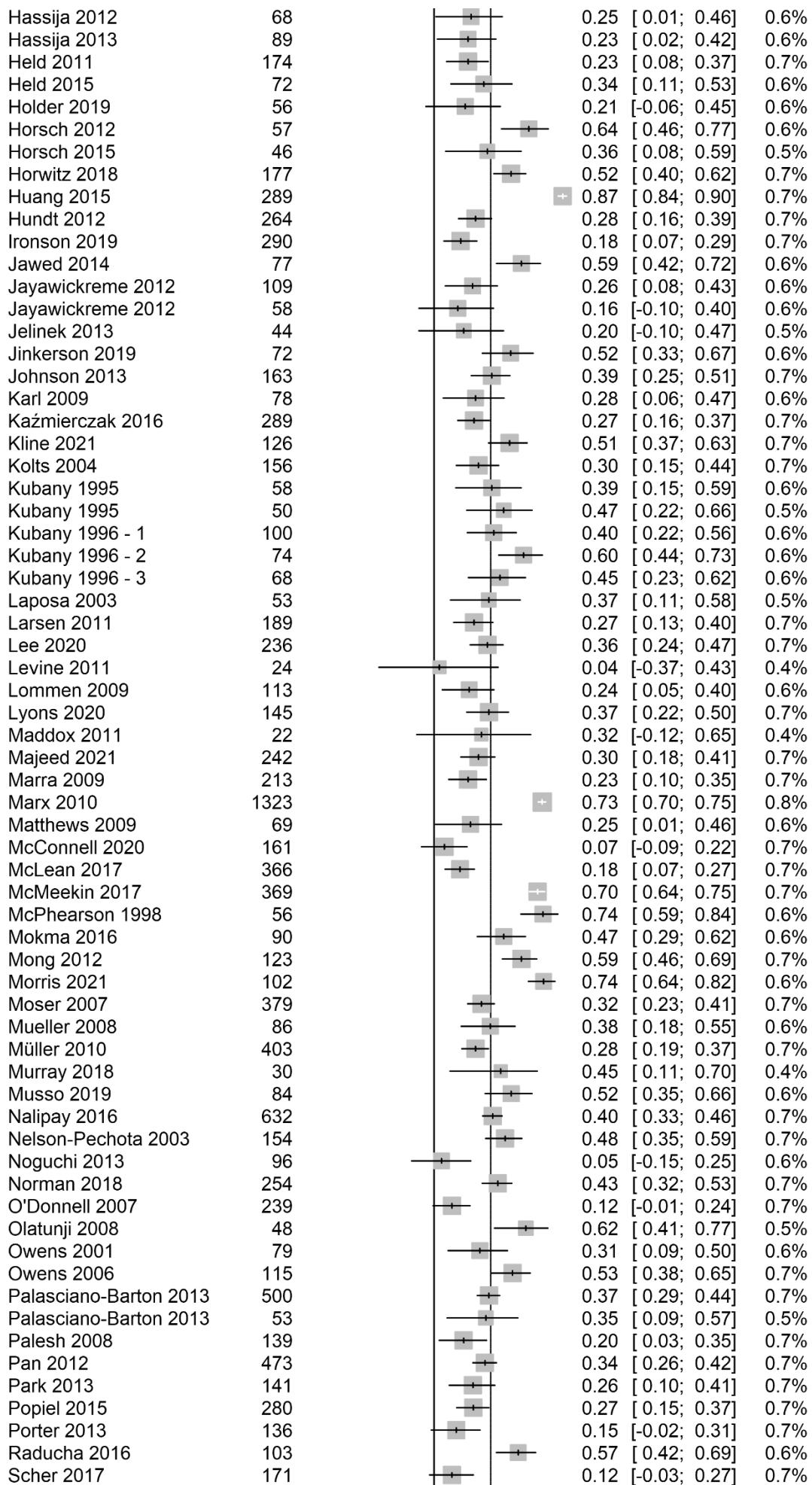
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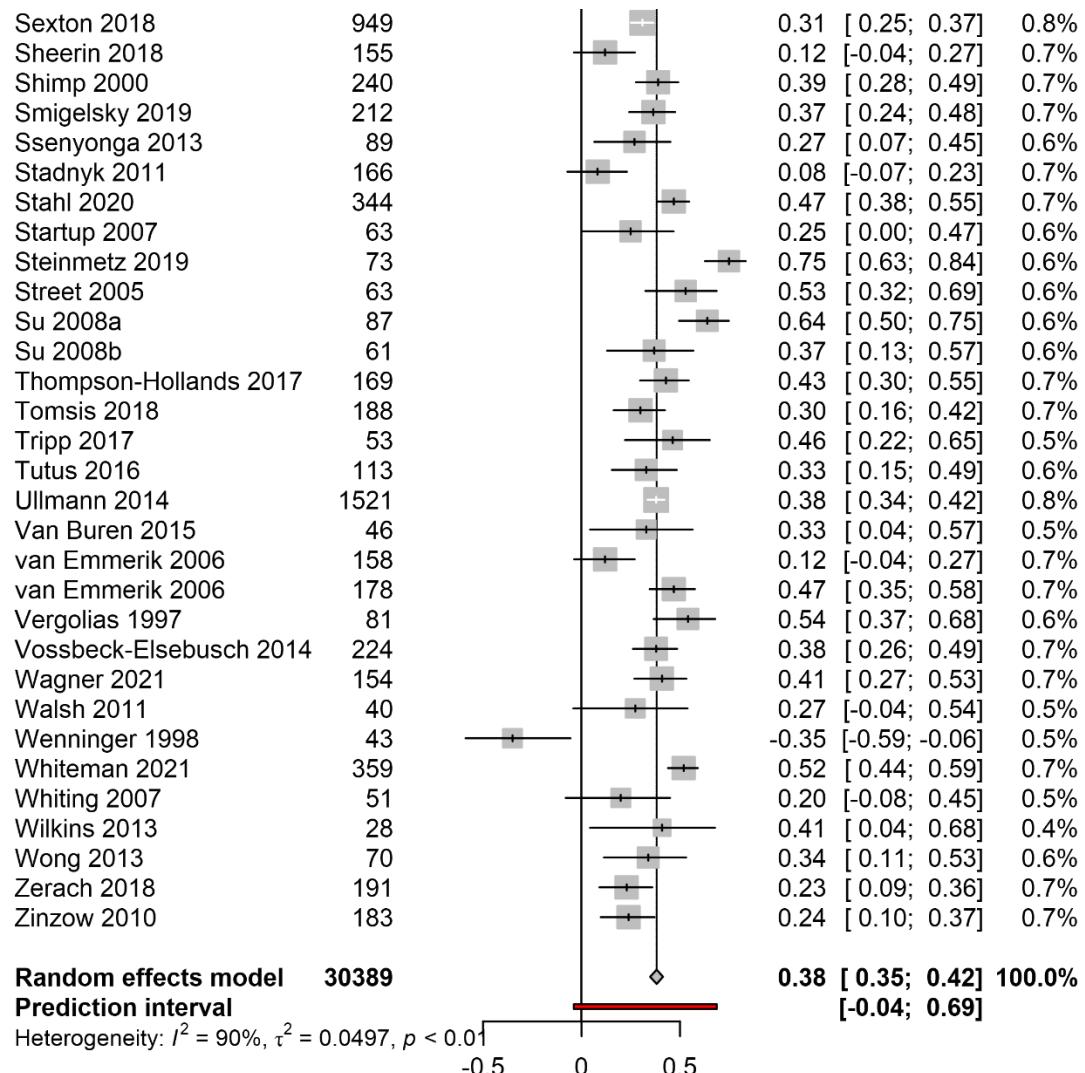
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Appendix G
Forest Plot of Meta-Analysis on Cross-sectional Association

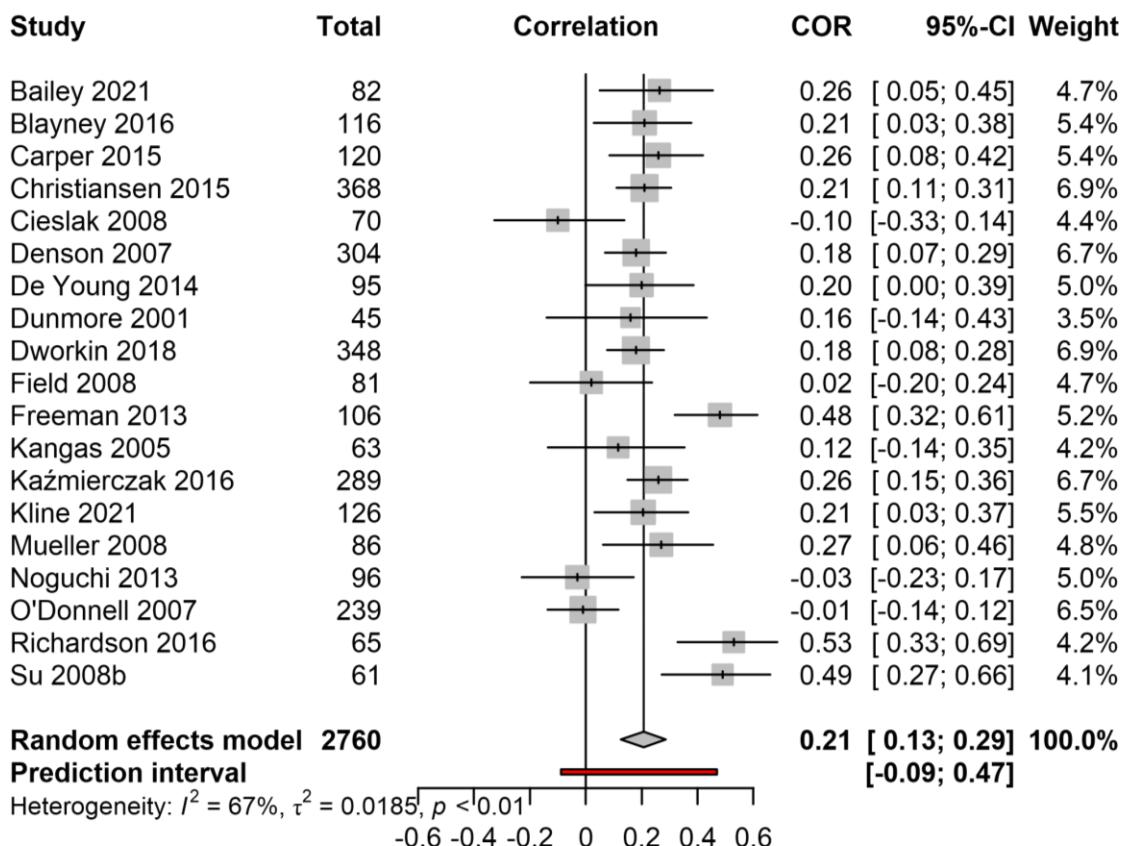






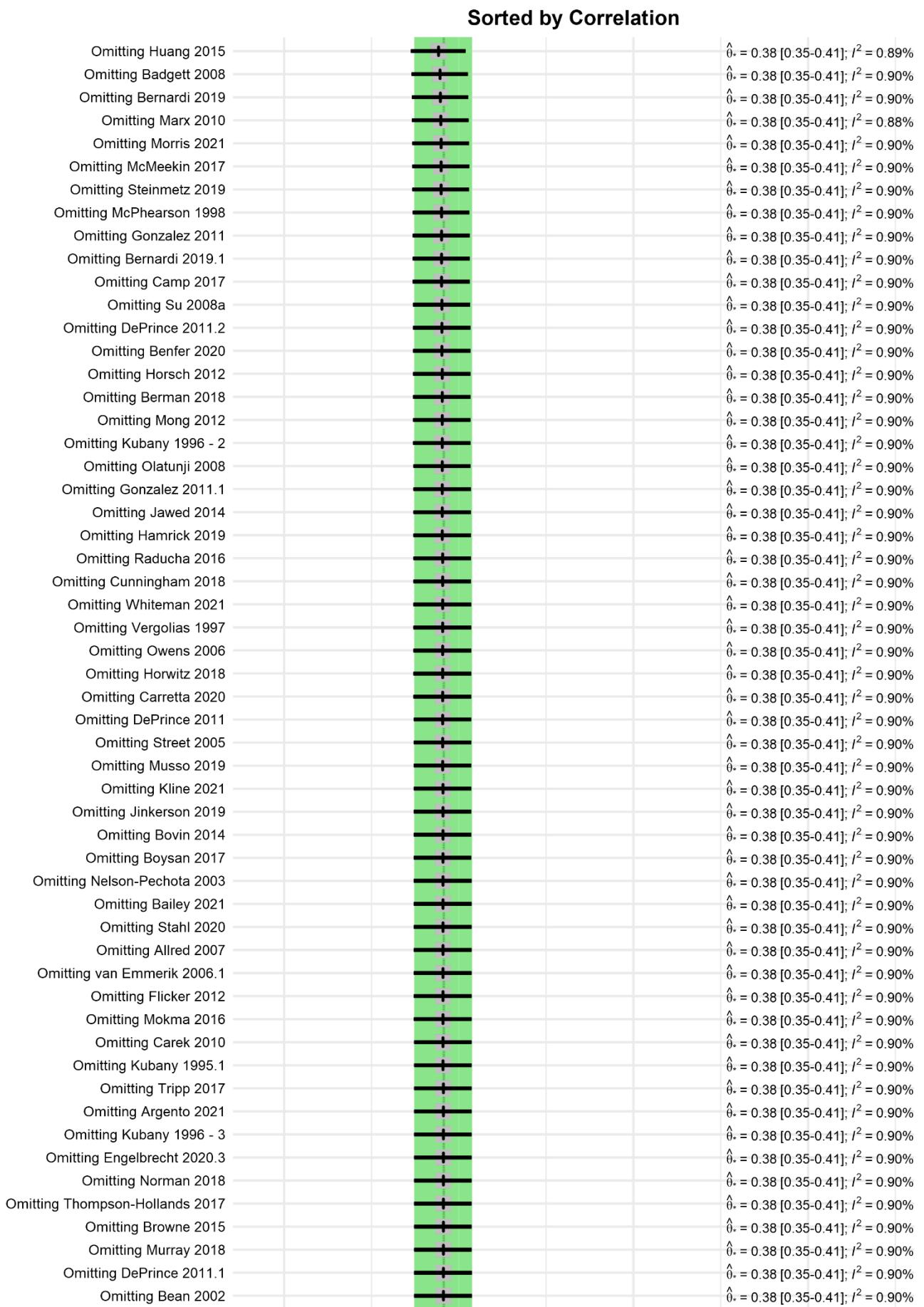
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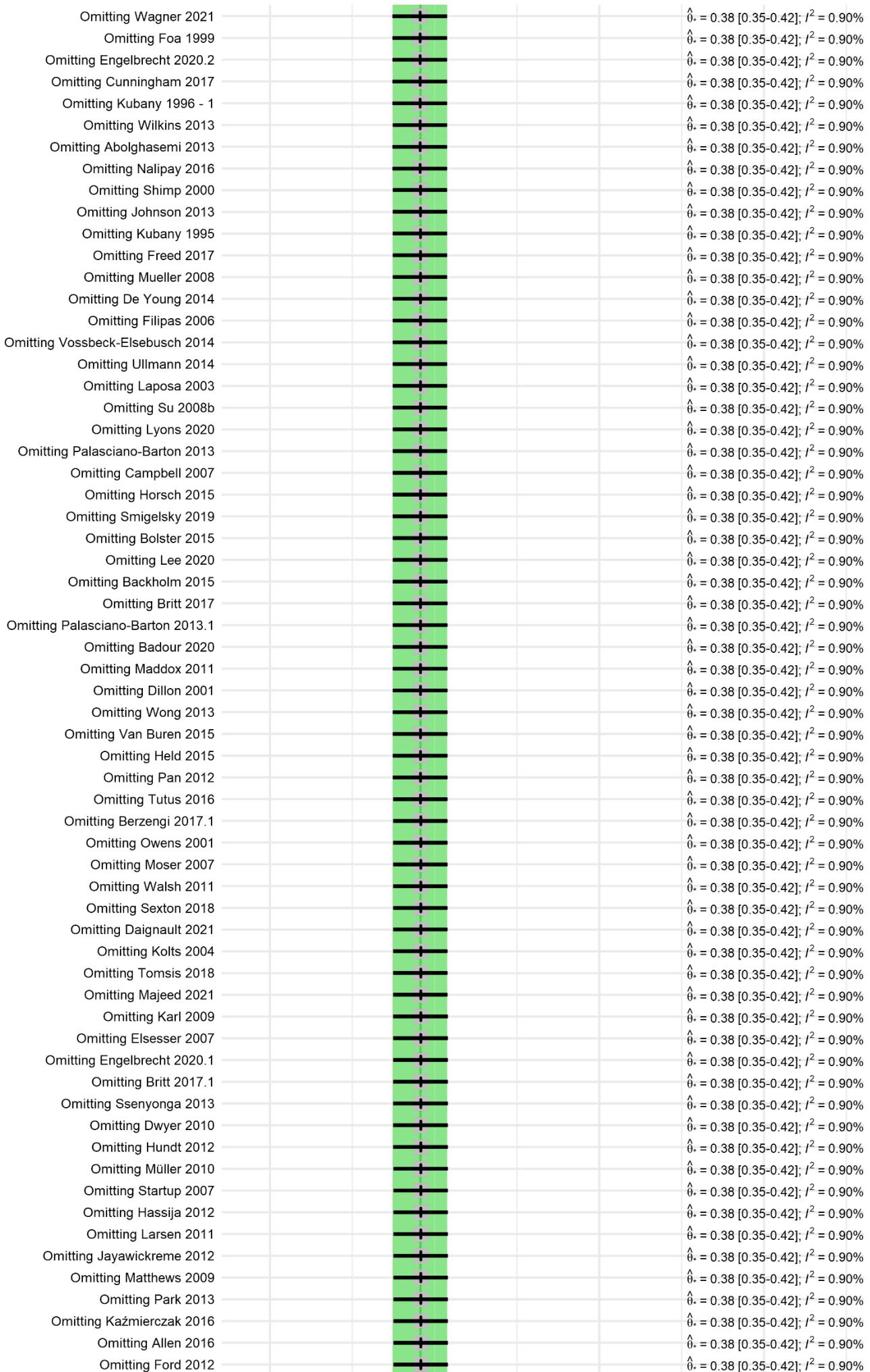
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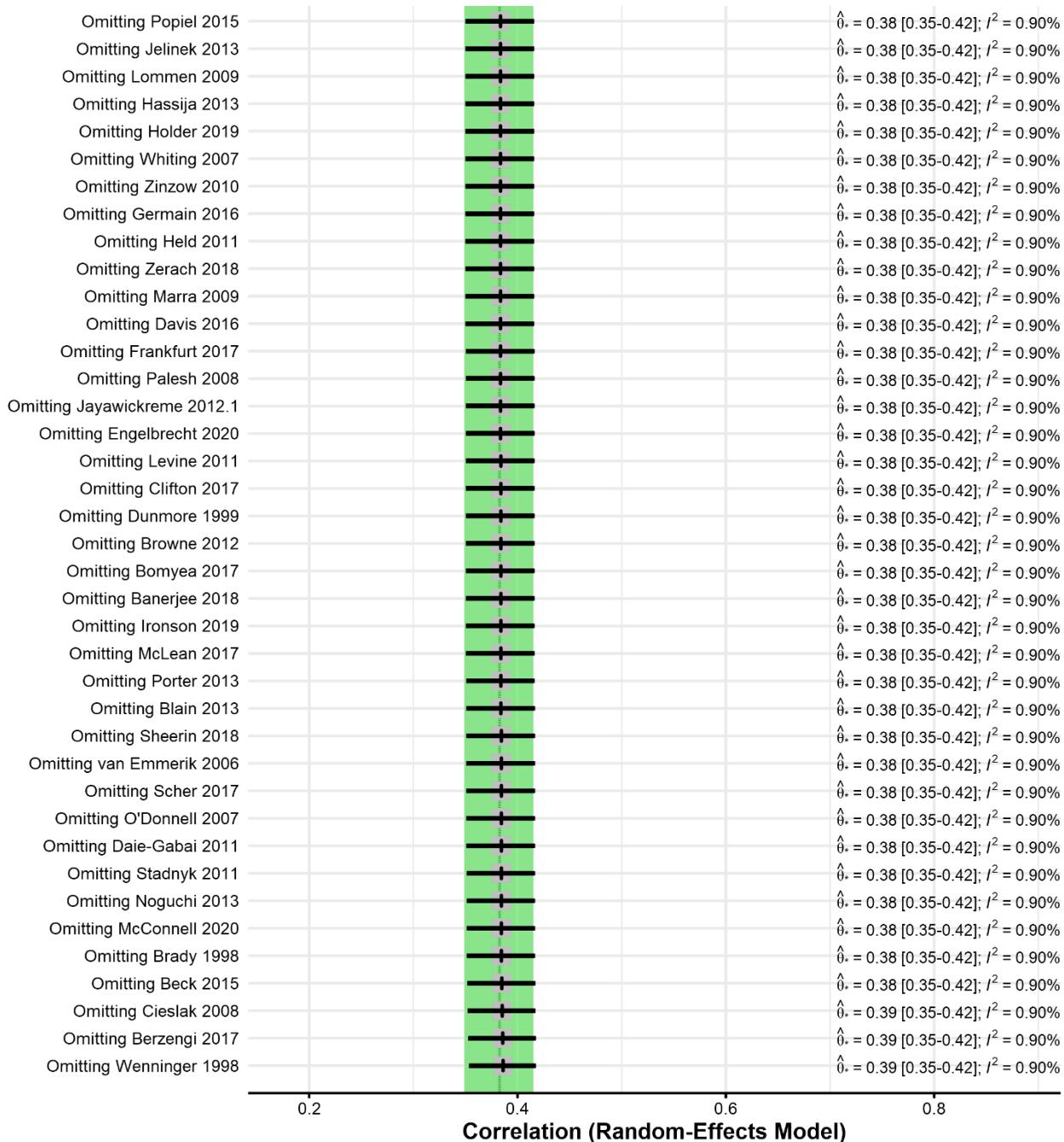


Appendix I

Sensitivity Analysis on Influential Cases







Appendix J
Quality Ratings for all Included Studies

Study	Clinical sample with formal PTSD diagnosis?	PTSD diagnosis - validated instrument?	Symptom severity -validated instrument?	Guilt - validated instrument?	Power analyses?	Other concerns
Abolghasemi 2013	2	2	NA	2	0	convenience sample
Allen 2016	1	1	2	2	0	undergraduate psychology students and MTurk self-referral
Allred 2007	0	NA	2	0	0	students
Argento 2021	1	1	2	2	1	MTurk self-referral
Backholm 2015	0	NA	2	0	0	e-mail list of journalists who covered a specific event
Badgett 2008	1	0	2	2	0	n.a.
Badour 2020	1	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Bailey 2021	1	1	2	2	0	self-referral to online survey, monetary incentives
Banerjee 2018	1	2	2	2	0	self-referral
Bean 2002	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Beck 2015	1	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Beckham 1998	1	1	2	2	0	consecutive sample
Benfer 2020	0	NA	2	2	0	MTurk self-referral
Bermann 2018	1	1	2	0	0	n.a.
Bernardi 2019 (both samples)	2	1	2	2	0	self-referral
Berzengi 2017 - UK	2	1	2	2	0	focusing on religious sample
Berzengi 2017 – Iraq	0	NA	2	2	0	students
Blain 2013	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Blayney 2016	0	NA	2	2	0	students
Bolster 2015	1	0	2	2	2	self-referral to online survey
Bomyea 2017	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Bovin 2014	1	2	2	0	0	single-item guilt from CAPS correlated with total CAPS score
Boyraz 2014	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral to online survey
Boysan 2017	1	1	2	2	0	control group students

Brady 1998	0	NA	2	0	0	α for characterological self-blame scale .37
Britt 2017 (both samples)	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Browne 2012	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral
Browne 2015	2	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Camp 2017	1	1	2	0	0	MTurk self-referral
Campbell 2007	2	NA	NA	2	0	PTSD diagnosis via screening tool
Cantón-Cortés 2011	0	1	2	0	0	students
Carek 2010	1	1	2	2	1	convenience sample
Carper 2015	0	NA	2	2	0	α for PCL-C subscales ranged from .68-.95
Caretta 2020	0	NA	2	1	0	facebook self-referral
Christiansen 2015	1	1	2	0	0	convenience sample
Cieslak 2008	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Clifton 2017	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Cunningham 2017	2	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Cunningham 2018	0	NA	2	0	2	n.a.
Daie-Gabai 2011	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Daignault 2021	1	1	2	1	0	α for FES overall .67, subscales .67-.87
Davis 2016	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Denson 2007	1	1	2	0	0	consecutive sample, α of two guilt-items .48
DePrince 2011 (all samples)	0	NA	2	2	0	sample 1 students; sample 2 self-referral
De Young 2014	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Dillon 2001	1	1	2	0	0	convenience sample
Dunmore 1999	2	1	NA	0	0	self-referral
Dunmore 2001	0	NA	2	0	0	α for guilt items .53
Dworkin 2018	2	1	2	2	0	facebook self-referral, monetary incentives
Dwyer 2010	1	1	2	2	0	α Lack of Justification subscale .58
Elsesser 2007	2	2	NA	2	0	n.a.
Engelbrecht 2020 - Study 1	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral
Engelbrecht 2020 - Study 2	2	2	NA	2	0	self-referral
Feinstein 2018	0	NA	2	0	0	single-item guilt; self-referral
Field 2008	0	NA	2	2	0	convenience sample

Filipas 2006	0	NA	2	0	0	psychology students; course credit; single-item guilt
Flicker 2012	0	NA	2	2	0	convenience sample
Foa 1999	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Ford 2012	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Frankfurt 2017	1	1	2	0	0	single-item guilt
Freed 2017	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Freeman 2013	1	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Germain 2016	2	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Gonzalez 2011 (both samples)	0	NA	2	2	0	facebook self-referral
Hamrick 2019	1	1	2	0	2	n.a.
Hassija 2012	1	1	2	0	0	psychology students; course credit; single-item guilt
Hassija 2013	1	1	2	0	0	psychology students; course credit
Held 2011	1	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Held 2015	0	NA	2	0	0	convenience sample
Holder 2019	2	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Horsch 2012	0	NA	2	2	0	convenience sample
Horsch 2015	0	NA	2	2	0	consecutive sample
Horwitz 2018	2	2	2	2	0	convenience sample; funding from pharmaceutical company
Hostetler 2020	2	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Huang 2015	1	1	2	0	0	n.a.
Hundt 2012	0	NA	2	2	0	convenience sample
Ironson 2019	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Jawed 2014	0	NA	2	1	2	n.a.
Jayawickreme 2012 (both samples)	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Jelinek 2013	2	2	NA	2	0	self-referral
Jinkerson 2019	0	NA	2	2	2	convenience sample
					(Jinkerson 2017 dissertation)	
Johnson 2013	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Kangas 2005	1	2	2	2	0	consecutive sample
Karl 2009	2	2	NA	2	0	self-referral

Kaźmierczak 2016	0	NA	2	2	0	psychometric properties of PTSD measure only published in Polish; no information on recruitment of sample
Kline 2021	0	NA	2	0	0	n.a.
Kolts 2004	1	1	2	2	0	psychology students; course credit
Kubany 1995 - veterans	2	1	2	0	0	convenience sample
Kubany 1995 – battered women	1	1	2	0	0	convenience sample
Kubany 1996 (all samples)	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Lancaster 2011	0	NA	2	2	0	students; course credit
Laposa 2003	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Larsen 2011	0	NA	2	0	0	convenience sample
Lee 2020	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Levine 2011	2	1	2	0	0	self-referral; α characterological self-blame .67; α behavioural self-blame .55
Lommen 2009	1	1	2	2	0	all self-reports administered as interviews with interpreters
Lyons 2020	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Maddox 2011	2	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Majeed 2021	1	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Marra 2009	2	2	NA	2	0	convenience sample
Marx 2010	1	2	NA	0	0	correlation only with diagnostic status
Matthews 2009	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
McConnell 2020	1	1	2	0	0	single-item guilt; monetary incentives, self- referral
McLean 2017	2	2	2	2	0	α PSS-I .67
McMeekin 2017	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral
McPhearson 1998	1	1	2	0	0	n.a.
Mokma 2016	0	NA	1	0	0	psychology students; course credit
Mong 2012	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Morris 2021	0	NA	2	2	0	MTurk self-referral and students
Moser 2007	0	NA	2	2	0	psychology students; course credit
Mueller 2008	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral to online survey
Müller 2010	1	1/2	2	2	0	mva-sample self-referral
Murray 2018	1	1	2	0	0	convenience sample; single-item guilt

Musso 2019	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral to online survey
Nalipay 2016	0	NA	2	2	0	students
Nelson-Pechota 2003	0	NA	2	2	2	α Lack of Justification subscale .66
Noguchi 2013	0	0	2	2	0	consecutive sample
Norman 2018	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
O'Donnell 2007	1	2	2	2	0	consecutive sample
Olatunji 2008	1	1	2	2	0	students; course credit
Owens 2001	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Owens 2006	0	NA	2	0	0	students
Palasciano-Barton 2013	1	1	2	2	0	students
– sample 1						
Palasciano-Barton 2013	0	NA	2	2	0	convenience sample
– sample 2						
Palesh 2008	0	NA	2	2	0	self-referral
Pan 2012	0	NA	2	2	2	self-referral; students
Park 2013	1	1	2	2	0	n.a.
Popiel 2015	0	NA	2	2	0	psychometric properties of PTSD measure only published in Polish
Porter 2013	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Raab 2015	2	2	2	2	0	α avoidance scale .65
Raducha 2016	0	NA	2	2	r.b.i.	self-referral
Richardson 2016	1	1	2	2	2	consecutive sample
Scher 2017	2	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Sexton 2018	2	1	2	2	r.b.i.	convenience sample
Sheerin 2018	1	2	2	2	0	self-referral
Shimp 2000	0	NA	1	0	0	students; course credit
Smigelsky 2019	2	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Ssenyonga 2013	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Stadnyk 2011	1	1	2	2	0	self-referral to online survey
Stahl 2020	0	NA	2	2	0	n.a.
Startup 2007	2	1	NA	2	0	self-referral
Steinmetz 2019	0	NA	2	2	0	MTurk self-referral
Street 2005	0	NA	2	2	0	n.a.
Su 2008a	1	1	2	2	0	psychology students; course credit
Su 2008b	1	1	2	2	0	psychology students; course credit

Thompson-Hollands 2017	1	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Tomsis 2018	1	1	2	2	0	convenience sample; α of self-blame scale in validation study .67, in present study .56-.82 (assignment to subscales n.r.)
Tran 2019	1	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Tripp 2017	1	2	2	2	0	n.a.
Tutus 2016	0	NA	2	2	0	n.a.
Ullman 2007	0	NA	2	0	0	self-referral to online survey
Ullmann 2014	0	NA	2	0	0	self-referral to online survey
Van Buren 2015	1	1	2	2	2	students
van Emmerik 2006 – sample 1	1	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
van Emmerik 2006 – sample 2	1	1	2	2	0	students
Vergolias 1997	2	1	2	2	0	convenience sample
Vossbeck-Elsebusch 2014	1	1	2	2	0	α self-blame .64
Wagner 2021	0	NA	2	1	0	self-referral
Walsh 2011	0	NA	2	0	1	self-referral, monetary incentives
Wenninger 1998	0	NA	2	0	0	study 1: students
Whiteman 2021	1	1	2	2	0	psychology students; course credit
Whiting 2007	2	1	2	2	0	consecutive sample; control group students
Wiblin 2021	2	2	2	2	0	convenience sample
Wilkins 2013	2	2	2	2	2	self-referral
Wong 2013	2	1	2	2	2	n.a.
Zang 2017	2	2	2	2	0	α PSS-I .67
Zerach 2018	1	1	2	2	2	n.a.
Zinnow 2010	0	NA	1	0	0	psychology students; course credit

Notes. r.b.i. = reported, but irrelevant (not guilt-related).