Systematic review and meta-analyses on the efficacy of small group treatment for mental disorders

Search strategy for articles on anxiety disorders

1. Search strategy for database search in Medline (Ovid) [Example]

1  exp Anxiety Disorders/ or *anxiety/di or *anxiety/th or *panic
2  (anxiet* or anxious*).ti.
3  (phobi* or panic* or agoraphobi* or "anxiety disorder*" or "chronic anxiety" or "social* anxi*").ti,ab,kf.
4  (neuro* adj1 (anxiety or anxious*)).ti,ab,kf
5  #1 or #2 or #3 or #4
6  exp psychotherapy, group/ or group processes/
7  (group$1 adj3 (CBT or psychotherap* or therap* or counsel*ing* or exposure* or format? or approach* or program* or psychoanaly* or stratag* or support* or train* or setting? or session? or "cognitive restructuring" or "cognitive technique*" or "guided imagery").ti,ab,kf.
8  (group-based or group-focused or group-centered or group-delivered or CBGT or "group intervention" or "group treatment" or "group cognitive behavioral intervention" or "group cognitive intervention" or "group behavioral intervention" or "group psychodynamic intervention" or "group supportive intervention" or "group conversational intervention" or "group social skills intervention" or "group cognitive behavioral treatment" or "group cognitive treatment" or "group behavioral treatment" or "group psychodynamic treatment" or "group supportive treatment" or "group conversational treatment" or "group social skills treatment" or "group versus individual" or "group vs individual").ti,ab,kf
9  (group$1 adj3 (intervention* or treatment*).ti,ab,kf. not ("intervention group$1" or "treatment group$1").ti,ab.
10 #6 or #7 or #8 or #9
11 (clinical trial or comparative study or randomized controlled trial or controlled clinical trial).pt.
12 intervention studies/ or random allocation/ or comparative effectiveness research/ or control groups/ or clinical trials as topic/ or randomized controlled trials as topic/ or controlled clinical trials as topic/
13 ((control* or compar* or clinic*) adj3 (studies or study)).ti,ab,kf
14 (treatment or intervention or studi* or study) adj2 (effectiveness or efficacy).ti,ab,kf
15 (random* or placebo* or assign* or allocat* or "experimental design" or trial* or dismantling or "control group$1").ti,ab,kf.
2. Meta-analyses considered for manual search


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