

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very well written, very long and detailed (perhaps too long and detailed - very hard on the reader's attention span) report attempting to summarize 103 reviews of the comorbidity of bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders. The authors underline the fact that this is an important co-morbidity because it sheds light on mechanisms of illness



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and also on treatment strategies. This claim of importance is not, however, convincing. The reader is no further ahead having read the article. The question that would be interesting to address is whether the presence of anxiety disorders are any more common with bipolar disorder than they are in everyday life. If so, are people made anxious by the illness, by the consequences of illness, by the treatment of illness or is it possible that anxiety disorders by some unknown mechanism lead to depression and/or mania? Anxiety disorders are co-morbid with all physical and mental health disease - which is not surprising given the stress of disease. This article, while very comprehensive, fails to specify what is special about this particular comorbidity. I would recommend sharply reducing the wealth of unnecessary detail in this article and instead focussing on the interesting question or what is special about the conjunction of anxiety with bipolar disorder.

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