## Eligibility form

**Record ID**

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**Reviewer initials:**

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**Date form completed**

(dd/mm/yyyy)

### Study design

1. Any study design comparing cortisol levels between PTSD patients and controls? (only original studies, not reviews)
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unclear

**Notes (can include quotes from the text, location in the text and reviewer explanations)**

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### Participants

2. Study in adults, aged 18 years and older?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unclear

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3. PTSD patients with current PTSD according to DSM/ICD criteria?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unclear

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### Exposures

4. Trauma exposure fulfilling DSM/ICD criteria occurred at least a month prior to assessment? (in patients and trauma exposed controls)
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unclear

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5. Controls without a history of prior PTSD (lifetime PTSD)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unclear
### Comparisons

6. Cortisol levels compared between which groups (tick all that apply)

- [ ] PTSD patients and trauma exposed controls (TEC)
- [ ] PTSD patients and trauma unexposed controls (TUC)
- [ ] PTSD patients and all controls (both trauma exposed and trauma unexposed)
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Unclear/not stated

### Outcomes

7. Study assesses baseline or basal cortisol levels? (Not psychological or pharmacological stress tests)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Unclear

### Timing

9. All relevant measures completed at least a month since trauma exposure (PTSD diagnostic status, cortisol levels)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Unclear

### Reviewer decision

Include study in the review?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Unclear/uncertain
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