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Menon et al. 2016 Prospective observational study Research hospital in India	N=127 (35F, 92M) Age: 32.71 ±13.08 Time Since Injury (days): 76.22 ± 82.5 Myelopathy patients Admission AIS: AIS A: 58 AIS B: 18 AIS C: 36 AIS D: 11 Discharge AIS: AIS A: 47 AIS B: 16 AIS C: 26 AIS D: 34	Change in HADS-depression and change in BI Spearman's rho: 0.221 (p-0.024, significant) Change in HADS-depression and change in SCIM III Spearman's rho: 0.290 (p= 0.027, significant)		
Munce et al. 2016 Online Survey	N=99 Age: 50.5 ± 1.0 Time Since Injury (years): 17.5 ± 12.3	MSES (Moorong Self- Efficacy Scale) <u>Depression</u> portion negatively correlated with MSES (r=-0.560, p< 0.01)		

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Rick Hansen Institute and an outpatient spinal clinic		Anxiety portion negatively correlated with MSES (r=-0.315, p< 0.01)		
Ebrahimzadeh et al. 2014 Cross sectional design	N=52 (52M) Age: 23.6 ± 8.2 War veterans with SCI Time Since Injury: ~30 years ago Paraplegic: 37 Tetraplegic: 6	Depression portion negatively correlated with physical component summary of SF36 (r=-0.37, p= 0.006) Anxiety portion negatively correlated with mental component summary of SF36 (r=-0.44, p=0.001)		
Müller et al. 2012 Cross-sectional multicenter study 3 major SCI rehabilitation centers in Switzerland (Paraplegic	N=102 Mean age: 56.5±16.7 years 74.5% Male 61.8% Paraplegic 38.2% Tetraplegic 26.5% complete injury, 73.5% incomplete injury		Internal Consistency: Cronbach's alpha: Anxiety subscale: 0.72 Depression subscale: 0.82	

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Centre, University Clinic Balgrist, Zurich; the Swiss Paraplegic Centre, REHAB Basel; and the Swiss Paraplegic Centre (SPZ), Nottwil)	Time since onset of injury: 43.6 <u>+</u> 13.5 months			
Elfstrom et al. 2007 Cross-sectional, questionnaire to investigate the psychometric performance of the Spinal Cord Lesions – Coping strategies Questionnaire (SCL-CQ) in four different countries.	N=355 Male=279 Female=74 Missing=2 Mean age=49 Mean age at lesion=27.8 Austria=44 Germany=172 Switzerland=27 UK=112 Level of lesion Cervical=147 Thoracic=155	Pearson's r correlation of the HADS with SCL Coping Strategy Questionnaire (different construct): Acceptance w/ Anxiety=-0.45 Depression=-0.58 Fighting Spirit w/ Anxiety=-0.40 Depression=-0.49 All values negative, as expected.		Interpretability: See table 1.

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Lumbar=23 Sacral=1		All were P<.01			
Missing=29					
Complete paraplegia=16	2				
Complete tetraplegia=85	5				
Incomplete tetraplegia=58	3				
Missing=18					
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lotal		6.00 (3.79)	4.06 (5.46)	
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`	•	Construct validity. HADS scores were	Internal consistency:	Interpretability: HADS-A: Hospital	
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Cross-section to evaluate the psychometric properties of the HADS using a large community sample who had recently completed the HADS in a larger study. Because of the constraints of the larger study, full psychometric evaluation could not be directly assessed. Community sample in the UK	Participants of a larger study on the impact of sport and athletic identity in people with SCI. 65.2% paraplegic, 34.8% tetraplegic Mean DOI 19.5±12.26yrs (range 2-56yrs)	from the Life Satisfaction Questionnaire (LSQ). LSQ scores were significantly and negatively correlated with the HADS total scores (Pearson's r=- 0.585, P<.001) and the anxiety (r=-0.419, P<.001) and depression (r=-0.66, P<.001) subscale scores. Factor Analysis. A two-factor solution accounted for 51.2% of the variance (factor 1: 40%; factor 2: 11.2%). All items loaded onto the correct factor, except item 7 ("I can sit at ease and feel relaxed"), which corresponded to the depression, not anxiety, factor;	Anxiety: α =0.85 (α =0.86 if item 11 was removed, but α was lower if any other item was removed). Depression: α =0.79 (α remained the same if item 14 was removed, but was lower if any other item was removed).	Anxiety subscale HADS-D: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale – Depression subscale Scores reported below are in the form: mean (SD) See table 1.

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		however, item 1 ("I feel tense and wound up") also loaded onto the depression factor and item 14 ("I can enjoy a good book, radio or TV programme") loaded onto the depression factor as expected, but at a minimally significant level.		
		Factor analysis was performed separately for males, females, tetraplegics and paraplegics. The two factor solution accounted for the following percentage of the variance: males 51%, females 52.2%, tetraplegics 49% and paraplegics 52.6%. Anxiety accounted for most of the variance for females (41.6%), whereas depression		

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			accounted for the variance for three other gro (36.3-41.9%). Accitem 1, 7 and 14 showed variab loadings.	r the oups gain,			
	Table 1.						
	Sample	HADS-A	HADS -D	HADS-	total		
	Total	6.9 (4.2)	5.5 (3.7)	12.3 (7.1)		
	Male	6.7 (4.2)	5.5 (3.8)	12.1 ('	7.1)		
	Female	8.1 (4.2)	5.5 (3.7)	13.2 ('	7.2)		
	Tetraplegic	7.0 (4.0)	5.9 (3.5)	12.7 (6.6)		
	Paraplegic	6.9 (4.3)	5.4 (3.8)	12.1 (7	7.4)		
	/7 (CCI) in not	tionts	Needs Assessn	2004	Inter		Interpretability o
Berry & Kennedy 2003	43 (SCI) in-pat 38M, 5F; avg. a 42.19±14.6 yea	age	Checklist (NAC Hospital Anxie	i) and ty and	cons i Anxie	istency: ety: α=0.8463	Interpretability: Mean (SD) scores of HADS subscales
Consecutive Series, Psychometric validation study	Spinal Cord In Complete teti = 13.9%	•	Depression Sca (HADS) subsca Psychological I (mood subsect anxiety (r = -0.7 depression (r =	le: Issues tion) & 709),	Depr	ession: α=0.8122	HADS-Anxiety: 5.14 (4.32) HADS-Depression: 5.51 (4.17)

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National Spinal Cord Injuries Centre, Stroke Mandeville Hospital, UK	Incomplete tetraplegia = 37.2% Complete paraplegia = 23.3% Incomplete paraplegia = 25.6%	and combined scales (r = -0.726) Psychological Issues (Full-Scale) & anxiety (r = -0.501), depression (r = -0.466), and combined scales (r = -0.523)		
		All correlations are significant at P≤.01		
Middleton et al. 2003 Descriptive, correlational	Sample 1: People with SCI living in the community who previously were at in- patient rehabilitation	Spearman correlations of Moorong Self- Efficacy Scale with (Sample 1 only, N=36): - HADS		
study, validation study of a new instrument	- N=36, 28 male - Mean age 36.33 (SD = 9.52)	anxiety: - 0.58 (P<0.001) - HADS depression: -		
Moorong Spinal Unit of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney, Sydney, New	- Mean time post-trauma 11.23 (SD = 9.67) years - 11 paraplegia,	0.58 (P<0.001)		

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South Wales, Australia.	tetraplegia 15 incomplete, 21 complete Sample 2: People who had recently sustained a SCI and were currently enrolled at in-patient rehabilitation N=31, 23 male Mean age 31.48 (SD = 10.46) Mean time post-trauma 2.01 (SD = 2.50) months 21 paraplegia, 10 tetraplegia - 13			
	incomplete,			

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	18 complete Sample 3: People with SCI living in the community who previously were at in- patient rehabilitation - N=108, 30 male - Mean age 45.26 (SD = 15.99) - Mean time post-trauma 7.92 (SD = 9.83) years - 66 paraplegia, 42 tetraplegia - 58 incomplete, 49 complete			
Kreuter et al. 1996	SCI n= 75 (64 male, 11 female) Mean age: 33 years (range 19-76)	Pearson's r correlations: Sexual Adjustment (SAS) Scale & HADS:		

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Controlled survey	Control n= 155 (119 male, 36 female)	SCI persons:r= -0.49, (P<.001)		
Postdischarge community	Mean age: 30 years (range 19-79)	Controls: r=-0.29, (P<.001)		
setting	38% tetraplegia Frankel A, B, or C 12% tetraplegia Frankel D 32% paraplegia Frankel A, B, or C 18% paraplegia Frankel D	Emotional Quality of the Relationship & HADS: SCI persons: r=-0.38 (P<.01) Controls: r=-0.38 (P<.001)		

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Mangold et al. 2024 Psychometric study to translate and explore the data completeness, targeting, reliability and aspects of validity of the Swedish version of s-MSES Community rehabilitation program	N = 92 program participants 58M, 24W Median (IQR) age 47.0 (27.5) years Median (IQR) time since injury 1 (2) years Cause of injury: Traumatic (n = 75), non-traumatic (n = 17) Level of injury: Tetraplegia (n = 48), paraplegia (n = 44) Completeness of injury: Complete (n = 37), incomplete (n = 54) Exclusion criteria: ventilator dependent and full-time wheel power chair users (high level quadriplegics)- results are not generalizable	Statistically significant and negative correlation was found between the s-MSES total score and HADS ($r_s = -0.58$, p < 0.001), for social function subscale and HADS ($r_s = -0.36$, p < 0.05), for general subscale and HADS ($r_s = -0.53$, p < 0.05), and personal function subscale ($r_s = 0.41$, p < 0.05).		

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	to more severely injured individuals. N = 42 peer mentors 37M, 11W Median (IQR) age 38.0 (18.2.5) years Median (IQR) time since injury 10 (9.25) years Cause of injury: Traumatic (n = 37), non-traumatic (n = 5) Level of injury: Tetraplegia (n = 10), paraplegia (n = 32) Completeness of injury: Complete (n = 21), incomplete (n = 20)			
Cross-sectional study to adapt MSES in the French language and	Validity study: N = 201 participants with SCI in the initial phase of in-patient rehabilitation- results cannot be applied to those in later rehabilitation, out- patients, or community dwellers.	Construct validity: Persons with high scores in the Participation Self- Efficacy dimension tend to have a good feeling self-efficacy (GSE Rho = .65, p<0.001) and exhibit less depressive affects		

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determine its psychometric proprieties Six Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation centers in France	157M, 44F Mean (SD) age 48 (14) years. Level of injury: Quadriplegia (n = 83), paraplegia (n = 118). Time since injury: < 1 year (n = 52), 1-10 years (n = 58), > 10 years (n = 88). AIS: AIS A (n = 114), AIS B (n = 17), AIS C (n = 29), AIS D (n = 38), AIS E (n = 1). Etiology: Medical (n = 53), traumatic (n = 148).	(HADS-Depression score Rho = 0.62, p<0.001).		
Paker et al. 2013 Reliability study of Turkish HADS An outpatient clinic of a hospital between Jan 1,	N=175, 143 male Mean age 35, SD=13 Mean time since injury = 17mth, SD=33 AIS-A/B/C/D: 81/27/45/22 Paraplegia/Tetraplegia : 131/44 SCI caused by falls: 47.4%; MVA: 36.6%		Internal consistency: Cronbach's alpha: Anxiety subscale: 0.90 Depression subscale: 0.77	

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