

**ENVIRONMENTAL-RISK (E-RISK) LONGITUDINAL TWIN STUDY
CONCEPT PAPER FORM**

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Objective of the study and its significance:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is common, onsets in childhood, behaves as a continuous trait and is highly disruptive (Thapar & Cooper, 2016). Although previously considered as a condition limited to childhood, ADHD also affects adults. A growing body of research shows that there is heterogeneity in the developmental course of ADHD. For most children symptoms decline during adolescence but for about 65% of children symptoms remain persistent into adulthood (Faraone, Biederman & Mick, 2006). Intriguingly, recent evidence even suggests that some forms may emerge newly in adolescence (Caye et al., 2016). These findings highlight the need to investigate the natural history of ADHD into adulthood, in unselected population cohorts. We aim to harmonise data across five international population-based cohorts with repeated measures of ADHD and characterise the natural history of ADHD from age 4 to 45 years.

Despite marked developmental change, normative ADHD trajectories have never been described before - unlike physical traits such as blood pressure (Wills et al., 2011). Describing normative patterns that span beyond adolescence and into adulthood is of particular clinical interest, as this is a period when patients move from child to adult services and it is not currently clear what level of ADHD symptoms are developmentally appropriate in adulthood.

We will harmonise a very large dataset of approximately 20,000 participants from five international cohorts to characterise the natural history of ADHD. This will establish a platform for methods harmonisation and investigating ADHD across international population cohorts.

Statistical analyses:

We will use multi-level modelling (MLM) to estimate individual-specific and average trajectories of ADHD spanning age 4 to 45 years.

We will start by fitting a growth model (two-level MLM) in ALSPAC (the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children) based on repeated parent-rated continuous trait measures (the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) at 8 time-points spanning ages 4 to 26) (level 1: see Figure) nested in participants (level 2). We will allow for individual variation in both initial levels of ADHD (random intercept) and the longitudinal pattern (random slope) and for differences by sex. Additional ADHD diagnosis derived from the Development and Well Being Assessment will be used to validate the obtained model. We will use structural equation modelling (SEM) to investigate the assumption that there is one underlying pattern of “growth” in SDQ. If evidence against this assumption is found, we will proceed with the best-fitting SEM.

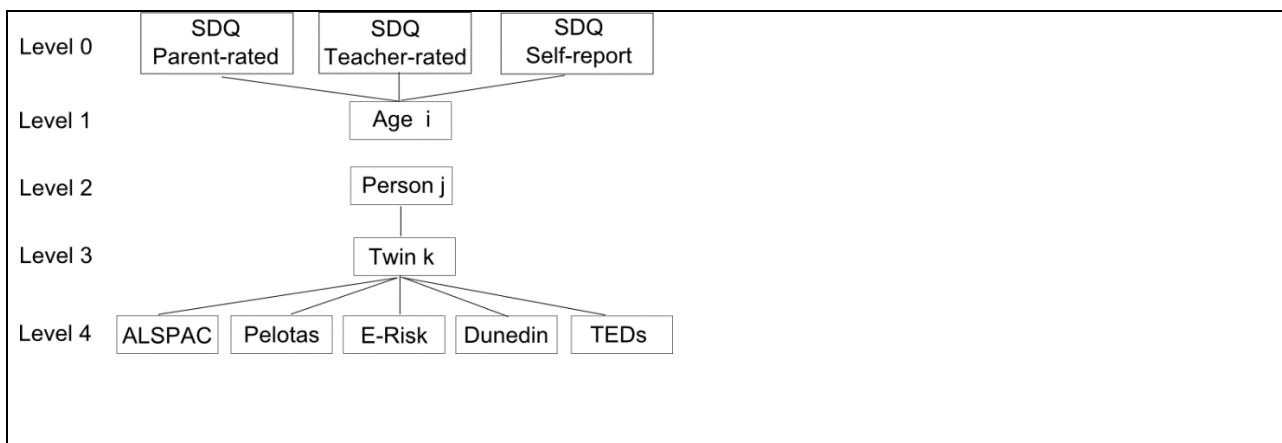
To the best-fitting model (SEM or MLM), we will add teacher- and self-rated ADHD symptoms (SDQ available at ages 7 and 11 years) as a level 0, which themselves will then be nested in age at assessment (level 1). Before incorporating self-rated ADHD symptoms we will conduct an intensive comparison of parent- and self-rated measures in ALSPAC using age 26 data which will inform weights used for different informants. The same approach will be used to derive cohort specific weights.

We will harmonise the five cohorts (ALSPAC, Dunedin Study, E-risk, TEDS and Pelotas) into one dataset including ADHD measures from ages 4 to 45 years. ADHD measures will be standardised within each sample.

We will then fit a model identical in form to the best-fitting ALSPAC model to the combined dataset. We will allow for additional variation between twins (TEDs and E-risk datasets) and cohorts.

We will include all available data in our analyses under the assumption of missing at random (MAR). We will investigate patterns of missing data by investigating associations between missingness and variables with near-complete data (e.g. sex) and assumed confounding factors (e.g. socio-economic factors, education) and assess confounding by comparing differences in longitudinal patterns of ADHD and in patterns of missingness across cohorts.

Analyses will be jointly conducted by Lucy Riglin at Cardiff University and Beate Leppert at the University of Bristol. Kate Tilling will be the statistical guarantor and Anita Thapar will also oversee the project as Principal Investigator of the collaborative grant funding this work.



Variables Needed at Which Ages (names and labels):

Study:

FAMILYID Unique family identifier Primary Family Level ID
 ATWINID Twin A ID Primary elder twin ID

Age 5:

ADHD diagnosis and items added to the CBCL-ASEBA (parent- and teacher-rated)

ADHD diagnosis:

ADHDD3E5 ADHD diagnosis—new criteria- P5- elder

Parent-rated items:

PE81M5 Can't concentrate, can't pay attention for long, short attention
 PE82M5 Fails to finish things he\she starts
 PE83M5 Inattentive or easily distracted
 PE86M5 Doesn't pay attention to details
 PE87M5 Doesn't notice when people speak to him\her
 PE88M5 Doesn't organise him\herself well
 PE89M5 Doesn't like activities that require a lot of attention and
 PE90M5 Loses things, like toys and clothes
 PE91M5 Forgets what he\she is doing
 PE84M5 Impulsive or acts without thinking
 PE85M5 Interrupts conversations or games
 PE96M5 Blurts out answers before the whole question has been asked
 PE97M5 Has difficulty waiting for his\her turn
 PE92M5 Fidgety or squirmy
 PE93M5 Very restless, has difficulty staying seated for long
 PE94M5 Cannot settle to anything for more than a few moments, quick
 PE95M5 Seems to be "on the go" or acts as if "driven by a motor"
 PE64M5 Talks too much

Teacher-rated items:

TRF89E5 Short attention span
 TRF90E5 Fails to finish things he\she starts
 TRF91E5 Inattentive or easily distracted
 TRF94E5 Doesn't pay attention to details
 TRF95E5 Doesn't notice when people speak to him\her
 TRF96E5 Doesn't organise him\herself well
 TRF97E5 Doesn't like activities that require a lot of attention and
 TRF98E5 Loses things, like toys and clothes

TRF99E5 Forgets what he\she is doing
TRF92E5 Impulsive or acts without thinking
TRF93E5 Interrupts conversations or games
TRF104E5 Blurts out answers before the whole question has been asked
TRF105E5 Has difficulty waiting for his\her turn
TRF100E5 Fidgety or squirmy
TRF101E5 Very restless, has difficulty staying seated for long
TRF102E5 Cannot settle to anything for more than a few moments
TRF103E5 Seems to be 'on the go' or acts as if 'driven by a motor'
TRF66E5 Talks alot

Age 7:

ADHD diagnosis and items added to the CBCL-ASEBA (parent- and teacher-rated)

ADHD diagnosis

ADHDD3E7 ADHD New Criteria Scale - Elder

Parent-rated items:

PE81M7 Can't concentrate, can't pay attention for long, short attention
PE82M7 Fails to finish things he\she starts
PE83M7 Inattentive or easily distracted
PE86M7 Doesn't pay attention to details
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TRF100Y7 Fidgety or squirmy
TRF101Y7 Very restless, has difficulty staying seated for long
TRF102Y7 Cannot settle to anything for more than a few moments
TRF103Y7 Seems to be 'on the go' or acts as if 'driven by a motor'

TRF66Y7 Talks alot.

Age 10:

ADHD diagnosis and items added to the CBCL-ASEBA (parent- and teacher-rated)

ADHD diagnosis:

ADHDD3E10 ADHD diagnosis—medicated kids not included

ADHDD3XE10 ADHD diagnosis- New criteria [incl meds]- p10 - elder

Parent-rated items:

PE81M10 Can't concentrate, can't pay attention for long, short

PE82M10 Fails to finish things he\she starts

PE83M10 Inattentive or easily distracted

PE86M10 Doesn't pay attention to details

PE87M10 Doesn't notice when people speak to him\her

PE88M10 Doesn't organise him\herself well

PE89M10 Doesn't like activities that require a lot of attention and

PE90M10 Loses things, like toys and clothes

PE91M10 Forgets what he\she is doing.

PE84M10 Impulsive or acts without thinking

PE85M10 Interrupts conversations or games

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PE64M10 Talks too much.

Teacher-rated items:

TRF89E10 Short attention span

TRF90E10 Fails to finish things he\she starts

TRF91E10 Inattentive or easily distracted

TRF94E10 Doesn't pay attention to details

TRF95E10 Doesn't notice when people speak to him\her

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*PE64M10 Talks too much

Age 12:

ADHD diagnosis and items added to the CBCL-ASEBA (parent- and teacher-rated)

ADHD diagnosis:

ADHDD3E12 ADHD diagnosis—New criteria—medicated kids not included

ADHDD3XE12 ADHD diagnosis—New criteria [incl meds] P12 - elder

Parent-rated:

PE81M12 Can't concentrate, can't pay attention for long, short
PE82M12 Fails to finish things he\she starts
PE83M12 Inattentive or easily distracted
PE86M12 Doesn't pay attention to details
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Teacher-rated:

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TRF66E12 Talks a lot

Age 18:

ADHD diagnosis and items under consideration for DSM-5 in 2012 (parent-, self- and ~~teacher-rated~~)

DXADHD5X_18E DSM-5 ADHD Dx (≥ 5 Symp) [incl 4 NEET & meds] - P18 - ET

PAR_ADHD18E # parent informant ADHD symptoms, max=8, 18 E-twin
TWIN_ADHD18E # cotwin informant ADHD symptoms, max=8, 18 E-twin
INF_ADHD18E # Any informant ADHD symptoms, max=8, 18 E-twin

Self-reported ADHD items:

ADHD1 I'm easily distracted, I get sidetracked easily
ADHD2 I make careless mistakes
ADHD3 I don't listen
ADHD4 I get bored quickly
ADHD5 I misplace my wallet, keys, mobile phone, paperwork. I lose

ADHD6 I can't concentrate, my mind wanders
ADHD7 I'm disorganised
ADHD8 I'm forgetful, I forget appointments, forget to do errands,
ADHD9 I tune out when I should focus
ADHD10 I jump into projects without reading the instructions ...
ADHD11 I lack self-discipline
ADHD12 I leave projects unfinished
ADHD13 I have difficulty waiting; I'm impatient ...
ADHD14 I make "snap" decisions (too fast)
ADHD15 I put off tasks that require lots of effort
ADHD16 I'm impulsive, I act without thinking about what might happen
ADHD17 I have difficulty organising tasks that have many steps
ADHD18 I can't resist temptation
ADHD19 I talk too much
ADHD20 I get uncomfortable sitting still; I need to get up and move ...
ADHD21 I don't enjoy doing quiet activities
ADHD22 I'm too loud or noisy
ADHD23 I'm always on the go, in a hurry, as if driven by a motor
ADHD24 I feel fidgety or squirmy
ADHD25 I feel very restless
ADHD26 I blurt out answers before others finish speaking
ADHD27 I interrupt, barge into others' conversations

****tim, they want the individual items, but separately from the mom and the twin—I didn't know how to label them to reflect which informant was reporting**

INF60 Impulsive, rushes into things without thinking what might happen
INF67 Is easily distracted, gets sidetracked easily
INF68 Can't concentrate, mind wanders
INF69 Lacks self-discipline
INF70 Makes "snap" decisions (too fast)
INF71 Is uncomfortable sitting still
INF72 Always on the go, in a hurry, fast-paced
INF73 Fidgety, restless

Supplementary data for cohort comparison and identifying patterns of missing data assessed at any age:

Birthweight

BWGRE5 Birth weight (gr) - Elder twin

Gestational age

AGESTAGE Gestation time - weeks

Ethnicity

SETHNIC Ethnicity of twins

Child sex

SAMPSEX Sex of twins: in sample

Maternal and paternal age at delivery

MOTHDOB Mother D.O.B

TWINADOB Elder twin D.O.B

Number of Previous Deliveries

TSOLDML5 Total number of older siblings mum given birth to

Maternal and paternal educational attainment (Socio-Economic Status)

HIEDGM5 Highest educational qualification (grouped–mother)
HIEDPGM5 Highest educational qualification (grouped–partner)
SESWQ35 Social class composite

Smoking during pregnancy

SMKGP Smoking during pregnancy–grouped

Parity

TSMUML5 Total siblings mum given birth to

Other known diagnosis of psychiatric or other major disorder in the child or parents

Tim, as we discussed, this is the same as the one in Jasmin's paper, but it excludes ADHD diagnoses at age 18, so I think it needs to be made. So they don't need the individual dxs below, I'm just listing them to show what went into Jasmin's list:

Other Psychopathology Age 18

DXMDEE18 Major depressive episode, dsm4 - P18 - Elder

DXGADE18 Gen Anxiety Disorder, dsm4_based - P18 - Elder

PTSD Current dx, dsm5 - P18 - Elder

DXALCDEPE18 Alcohol dependent, dsm4_based - P18 - Elder

DXMARJE18 Marijuana dependency, dsm4 - P18 - Elder

CDMODE18 Moderate Conduct Disorder (>=5 count) - P18 - Elder

~~Any complete data, e.g. from linked records or records at start of study~~

Child height (at any age – to assess comparability across samples)

HEIGHT_METERS

Child weight (at any age – to assess comparability across samples)

WEIGHTE18

BMIE18 Body Mass Index - P18 - Elder

PREGE18 Pregnant at visit - P18 - Elder

Child educational attainment

EDUCACHE18 Highest education achievement (based on QCF) - P18 - Elder

Child employment status

NEETE18 NEET: Not in educ, employment or training - P18 - Elder

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