**Evidence Table 2. Population characteristics**

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| Author, Year, Trial Name  | Sex | Type of Trauma | Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria  |
| Ahrens, 20021NA | Male | Mixed | Inclusion: incarcerated and met criteria for PTSD using DSM-IV criteriaExclusion: none specified |
| Berger, 20072OTT | Male & Female | War | Inclusion: students in an area with high levels of terrorism-related trauma exposure Exclusion: parent did not sign informed consent |
| Berger, 20093ES-SL | Male & Female | Natural disasters | Inclusion: students at selected school in Sri Lanka Exclusion: parent/caregiver did not sign informed consent |
| Berkowitz, 20114NA | Male & Female | Mixed | Inclusion: exposure to a PTE; endorsed at least one new and distressing symptoms of PTSD within 30 days of the PTEExclusion: receiving counseling or mental health treatment, had developmental delay, diagnosed with psychotic or bipolar disorder, non-English speaking refused participation  |
| Catani, 20095NA | Male & Female | Natural disasters | Inclusion: 8-14 years, living in newly erected refugee camps located in a village that had been destroyed by a tsunami 3 weeks earlierExclusion: mental retardation, psychosis, or any neurological disorder |
| Ford, 20126TARGET | Female | Multiple | Inclusion: self-reported delinquency determined by NDS; full or partial PTSD determined by CAPS-CA structured diagnostic interviewExclusion: substantial cognitive impairment determined by scores <16 on Orientation, Attention, and Recall sections of MMSE; on 1-to-1 suicide watch; age <13 or age >18 |
| Gelkopf, 20097ERASE-Stress | Male | War | Inclusion: 7th and 8th grade students in conflicted region of Israel Exclusion: parent did not sign informed consent |
| Goenjian, 1997; 20058, 9NA; NA | Male & Female | Natural disasters | Inclusion: NRExclusion: NR |
| Jaycox, 200910SSET | Male & Female | Other | Inclusion: LES >3; CPSS ≥11; clinical interview to validate the screener; parental consent Exclusion: NA |
| Kemp, 201011NA | Male & Female | Injury | Inclusion: ages 6-12, score of at least 12 on UCLA PTSD-RI or met at least 2 DSM-IV criteria for PTSDExclusion: psychotropic meds, concurrent psychological conditions; past history of sexual and physical abuse or neglect; had suffered a serious head injury with persistent associated neurological dysfunction; scores in Accident and Emergency <12 on the GCS |

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| Author, Year, Trial Name  | Sex | Type of Trauma | Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria  |
| Layne, 200812TGCT  | Male & Female | War | Inclusion: trauma exposure before, during, and/or after war; current distress; functional impairment Exclusion: psychosis; threat to self or others; unable to attend group meetings, judged not appropriate for group-based intervention; highly disruptive behavioral; substance abuse; reluctance to participate in group setting |
| Nugent, 201013NA | Male & Female | Injury | Inclusion: 4 or more positive responses on STEPP; GCS ≥ to 14; recent injuryExclusion: hyper-sensitivity to beta-blockers; bradycardia; cardiogenic or hypovolemic shock; diabetes; preexisting heart condition; treatment for asthma, no parental consent; injuries or medical treatment procedures contraindicated propranolol |
| Robb, 201014NA | Male & Female | Multiple | Inclusion: 6-17 years, PTSD diagnosis on K-SADS-PL; UPID≥30; CGI-S≥4; able to cooperate with study procedures; nonpregnant; nonlactating; if of childbearing age on contraception; parental consentExclusion: trauma ongoing, history of bipolar, schizophrenia/psychosis, bulimia, anorexia, autism, suicide; current suicide risk; substance abuse or dependence 6 months prior, receiving therapy for PTSD, history of seizure d/o or cognitive or neuro-deficits, clinically significant abnormalities on physical exam, medical history, EKG or laboratory tests, use of psychotropics other than Benadryl, chloral hydrate, stimulants; history of failure to respond or adverse reaction to SSRIs |
| Robert, 199915NA | Male & Female | Injury | Inclusion: 2-19 years; hospitalized with acute burns who exhibited ASD symptoms for ≥2 days and nights without a marked decrease in symptoms on the second night; ability to participate in the study; free of medical conditions; proximal to hospital; parental consentExclusion: ASD symptoms for <2 days and nights; no ASD symptoms; ventilated; children <2 years or >19 |
| Robert, 200816NA | Male & Female | Injury | Inclusion: ≥4 years; presenting with ASD symptoms for >2 days, ≤30 days post-burn; no medical contraindicationsExclusion: <4 years; >30 days post-burn; medical contraindications  |
| Salloum, 200817NA | Male & Female | Natural disasters | Inclusion: parental consent; enrolled in 2nd-6th grade; not actively suicidal; grieving or experiencing at least moderate level of PTSD symptoms due to death or any hurricane-related stressor; clinically appropriate for group participationExclusion: NR |
| Salloum, 201218 NA | Male & Female | Multiple | Inclusion: parental consent and child assent; enrolled in 2nd-6th grade; exposure to violence, hurricane-related exposure, and death; moderate level of PTSD symptoms (25≤UCLA-PTSD-I)Exclusion: suicidal ideation determined by MFQ-C; deemed clinically inappropriate for group participation by evaluator |
| Smith, 200719NA | Male & Female | Mixed | Inclusion: 8-18 years; PTSD relating to a single traumatic event; English speakingExclusion: presence of organic brain damage; unconscious >15 minutes during the trauma; significant learning difficulty; ongoing trauma related threat in environment; recently initiated treatment with psychotropic med or other psychological treatment |

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| Author, Year, Trial Name  | Sex | Type of Trauma | Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria  |
| Stein, 200320NA | Male & Female | Community violence | Inclusion: substantial exposure to violence, PTSD symptoms in clinical range, willing to participate in groupExclusion: appearance of being too disruptive to participate in a group; not English speaking |
| Tol, 2008; 201021, 22NA; NA | Male & Female | Other | Inclusion: school children exposed to >1events, or who were positive for PTSD symptoms and anxiety symptomsExclusion: inability to function in a group setting; severe psychiatric problems |
| Tol, 201223 NA | Male & Female | War | Inclusion: screened positive on CPDS for existence of risk factors and absence of protective factorsExclusion: not in grades 4-7 |
| Zehnder, 201024NA | Male & Female | Injury | Inclusion: Medical treatment after RTA; 7-16 yearsExclusion: not fluent in German; severe head injury (GCS>11); previous intellectual impairment |

a. Unable to diagnose PTSD given that it was 12 hours after admission and close to time of injury.

Abbreviations: ASD = Acute Stress Disorder; CAPS-CA = Clinician-Administered Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Scale for Children and Adolescents; CGI-S = Clinical Global Impressions – Severity Scale; CPDS = Child Psychosocial Distress Screener; CPSS = Child PTSD Symptom Scale; DSM-IV = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition; EKG = electrocardiogram; ERASE-Stress – Enhancing Resilience among Students Experiencing Stress; ES-SL = ERASE Stress Sri Lanka; GCS = Glasgow Coma Scale; K-SADS-PL = Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for School-Age Children-Present and Lifetime Version; LES = Life Experiences Survey; MFQ-C = Mood and Feelings Questionnaire – Child Version; MMSE = Mini Mental State Exam; NA = not applicable; NDS = National Delinquency Study; NR = not reported; OTT = Overshadowing the Threat of Terrorism; PTE =potentially traumatic event; PTSD = Posttraumatic Stress Disorder; RTA = road traffic accident; SSET = Support for Students Exposed to Trauma; SSRI = Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors; STEPP = Screening Tool for Early PTSD; TARGET = Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education and Therapy; TGCT = Trauma and Grief Component Therapy; UCLA-PTSD-I = University of California, Los Angeles Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Index; UCLA PTSD-RI = University of California, Los Angeles Reaction Index; UPID = University of California, Los Angeles Index for DSM-IV for children