VAGUS-CR insight and PANSS scores were progressively better from admission and high dependency wards through medium-term medium secure wards to rehabilitation and pre-discharge wards. Mean scores did not change significantly over this time interval. Those legally certified fit to give or withhold consent by their treating consultant psychiatrists scored significantly better on the VAGUS combined insight scale: 8.3 (SD 1.7) v 5.3 (2.2) at baseline, paired t=25.9, p<0.001; and also 42 months later: 8.2 (1.4) v 5.7 (3.9), paired t=5.2, p=0.022. PANSS subscales were all significantly better for those assessed as being capacitous. Change in combined VAGUS score correlated with change in all PANSS subscales. Binary logistic regression with legal capacity as the dependent variable yielded a model in which combined VAGUS score and PANSS positive symptom score were independent determinants of assessed capacity status. Receiver operating characteristic area under the curve was 0.873, 95% CI 0.760-0.986, at baseline and 0.856, 95% CI 0.720-0.991, at 42 months. A score of 7.3 yielded a sensitivity of 0.8 and a specificity of 0.8.

Conclusions: The combined VAGUS score is a reliable and valid measure of insight relevant to functional mental capacity to consent to treatment with sensitivity and specificity sufficient to guide but not bind clinical decision-making. It measures a quality that varies with symptom severity but is also partly independent of symptom severity; the constructive inclusion of self-reported insight is notable.

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A bibliometric analysis of research in the field of forensic psychiatry

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Introduction: Forensic psychiatry is a subspeciality that encompasses applying scientific and clinical expertise in legal contexts. As a field of psychiatry, forensic psychiatry has continued to evolve in various jurisdictions. Several journal publications continue to highlight the contributions and works of various psychiatry researchers in this area on scientific development and trends in practice. However, a quantitative assessment of these publications using a bibliometric analysis has yet to be done. Thus, the present study.

Objectives: Provide a qualitative assessment of the bibliometrics of peer-reviewed research in forensic psychiatry.

Methods: In this bibliometric analysis, we used Web of Science (the most frequently used database) to identify research articles in forensic psychiatry from inception to December 2023. Analysis was done using citespace and VOSviewer software.

Results: Five thousand six hundred ninety articles were identified with 115 countries, 4144 institutions and universities, and 1660 authors. The articles were published in 1022 journals (most are specific to the field), and 4707 unique keywords were used to identify relevant articles. Risk assessments, violence, recidivism, psychopathy, and schizophrenia are the main areas researched.

Sixteen funding agencies have funded ten or more articles in the field. The studies were mainly from high-income countries and a relatively scant number from low-income countries, especially African countries. Publications with themes on risk assessment tools – such as the HCR-20- appeared predominant across the analyzed publications.

Conclusions: Research in forensic psychiatry has continued to grow over time. While many jurisdictions across the globe have embraced the field, more effort is needed to promote forensic psychiatry and research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The themes or keywords that emerged from the publications included in this analysis suggest that forensic psychiatry mainly deals with offenders with schizophrenia or psychopathy.

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Service system and care pathway of forensic psychiatry patients-international research project 2023-2026

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Introduction: The Finnish forensic psychiatric service system lacks the standards and criteria guiding the quality and contents of patient care. Ensuring best recovery-oriented practices in forensic psychiatric services need to be developed at several levels.

Objectives: The purpose of this research project is to develop safe, high-quality psychiatric care. The outcome of this project is the production of quality criteria for the forensic psychiatric care and service system.

Methods: The study will be executed at the Department of Nursing Science of the University of Turku during 2023-2026. The research methods include a literature review, a survey based on validated measurement questionnaires (Downes Survey, QPC-FIP, QPC-FIPS), individual and group interviews as well as the Delphi method. The research will cover the multidisciplinary employees at adult psychiatric wards in Finland's larger hospital districts, employees of forensic psychiatric hospitals, and patients of forensic psychiatric hospitals. International specialists and specialists within Finland from various fields (nursing, medicine, psychology) will be invited to partake in the expert panel.

Results: The research results will allow the development of the service system for forensic psychiatric patients in such a way that the identification of so-called risk patients can be improved already at the early stages of treatment, at the general psychiatric level. Moreover, the substance of care and participation during care can be created and the care following inpatient care and the patient's transfer out of forensic psychiatric care can be developed. The research may promote the effectiveness of treatment by highlighting areas in the care chains that, when reinforced, will allow patients to receive the right kind of treatment at the right time. A proposal of standardized operating methods and quality criteria will be created for the Finnish forensic psychiatric treatment system. The research