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Measurement equivalence of the Social Interaction Anxiety Scale (SIAS) and Social Phobia Scale (SPS) across individuals with social anxiety disorder from Japanese and Australian sociocultural contexts

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**Highlights**

- We compared adults with social anxiety disorder from Japan (J) and Australia (A)
- Measurement equivalent (ME) social anxiety measures allow accurate J/A comparisons
- Two popular social anxiety measures were not ME across the J/A groups
- We identified a subset of ME social anxiety items for accurate J/A comparisons
- $J < A$  for fear of attracting attention and  $J = A$  for other facets of social anxiety

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