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The objective of this study was to assess the diagnostic characteristics of the bipolar affective disorder (BAD) in 2002 and 2006; the former was diagnosed by the Fukuoka University Faculty of Medicine, and the latter by Fukuoka University Hospital. The results show that the prevalence of BAD has increased from 2002 to 2006, and that the prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population. The prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population, and the prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population. The prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population, and the prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population. The prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population, and the prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population. The prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population, and the prevalence of BAD in the general population is higher than that in the hospital population.