

Obsessional phenomenon in patients with major depression

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50 depressive patients aged 20 - 45 years were assessed using Beck Depressive Inventory Scale, Hopelessness Scale, Suicidal Ideation Scale, General Psychopathology Scale and Global Assessment of Function Scale. These patients were subdivided into 2 groups according to the scores obtained on Obsessive Compulsive Scale. The first included 21 patients with high scores and the second included 29 patients with low scores. The results showed that there is no significant difference between the 2 groups as regards the onset of the illness or the duration, while there is a significant difference in the frequency of admission. Also, there is no significant difference between the 2 groups in severity of illness but the second group showed high level of suicidal tendency. While, in the first group there is an increase in the level of anxiety and tension.