

Attention impairment in schizotypal personality disorder

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Thirty subjects with schizotypal personality disorder, 35 with other personality disorders, 36 with schizophrenia and

20 control subjects who did not meet the criteria for axis I or axis II disorder participated in this study. All subjects were diagnosed according to DSM III R criteria. Attention was assessed by using the continuous performance test and identical pairs version. Analyses indicated that subjects with schizotypal personality disorder like schizophrenic subject performed significantly worse than the controls on both verbal and spatial tasks of the continuous performance test and identical pairs version. In contrast, patients with other personality disorders performed similarly to the controls across conditions.