

Obsessive compulsive symptoms in schizophrenic patients : A neuropsychological study

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The aim of this work was to assess the obsessive compulsive symptoms as well as to study the impact of these symptoms on the neurocognitive performance in schizophrenic patients that may help in early detection and management. Subjects were divided into two groups : Group A included 20 schizophrenic cases without OC symptoms and group B included 20 schizophrenic cases with OC symptoms and these patients were diagnosed as schizophrenic according to diagnostic and statistical manual 4th edition, text revised criteria. These patients were subjected to positive and negative syndrome scale PANSS test, Yale-Brown obsessive compulsive scale Y-bocs, mini mental state examination (MMSE), trail making A and B, controlled oral word association (COWA), category fluency, selected sub-tests of Wechsler adult intelligence scale-revised (WAIS-R) and Wechsler memory scale- revised (WMS-R). The results were presented in details.