

## **Psychosis : An objective study in schizophrenia and affective psychosis by a locally constructed rating scales**

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This work aimed to reevaluate the concept of psychosis, so as to reach an operational definition based on objective methods and to outline the relationship between psychosis and schizophrenia. One hundred and ninety-one male Egyptian psychiatric patients were studied, 110 of them were schizophrenic, 56 affective psychotic and 25 neurotic disorder patients as a control group diagnosed according to ICD-9 criteria. At the end of the clinical interview, the patients were assessed for the presence of psychosis according to locally designated rating scales. The results showed that psychosis is a cluster of symptoms, that could be quantitatively and qualitatively assessed in different psychiatric disorders. Psychotic symptoms can be considered as the presence of either one or all of the following symptoms : Loose association, delusions, hallucinations, personality deterioration and passivity experiences.