

Positive and negative symptoms in cross-sectional diagnosis of schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorders

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This work aimed to study the value of positive and negative symptoms for cross-sectional differential diagnosis of schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorders.

Fifty-two consecutively admitted patients with schizophrenia and schizoaffective psychosis were included in this study.

Subjects were diagnosed by DSM IV criteria and classified as schizophrenic, depressive schizoaffective and manic schizoaffective disorders. The scale for the assessment of positive symptoms (SAPS) and scale for the assessment of negative symptoms (SANS) were used. Both positive and negative symptoms were relevant to differential diagnosis between schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders.

However, negative symptoms

presented higher significant differences between diagnostic groups than positive symptoms.