

Clinical ocular manifestations in schizophrenia

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This study aimed to trace the value of a number of ocular manifestations as clinical signs of schizophrenia. Seventy schizophrenic patients, 25 depressed patients diagnosed according to DMP-I and 45 normal controls were evaluated for blink rate, staring, poor eye contact (gaze avoidance), glabellar reflex and BPRS.

The study concluded that severe degrees of poor eye contact could be found to be significantly higher in schizophrenia. Aabnormal glabellar reflex was detected in 70% of never medicated and 47% of drug-free schizophrenic patients.