

A comparative study of thought process and style of thinking among schizophrenic, depressive and substance abuse in Egyptian patients

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This work aimed to study thought process disorders in schizophrenia and in other non schizophrenic psychiatric disorders (unipolar major depression and drug dependence) and to find out a possible correlation between the severity of thought process disorders and some clinical factors, like the age of onset, duration of illness and the level of education.

The sample of the study consisted of 120 participants divided into 4 groups, each included 30 individuals consisting of 15 males and 15 females. The study concluded that thought process disorder is not specific to schizophrenia.

Variable degrees of thought process disorder may be demonstrated in other non schizophrenic disorders, such as unipolar major depression, either psychotic or non psychotic and drug dependence disorders.