

Parenting stress index among mothers of conduct disorder children

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The objective of this work was to study the parenting stress among mothers of children with conduct disorder and to highlight the possible risk factors attributed to the co-occurring stress. A case control study was conducted on 30 mothers of conduct children and a matched control group.

Both groups underwent semi-structured clinical interview and parenting stress index. Conduct children were diagnosed according to the ICD-10 and underwent semi-structured clinical interview and a revised-behavior problem checklist.

Mothers of conduct children experienced a significantly higher parenting stress score than the control and international scores, including total, parent and child domains scores. The maternal distress was experienced in all dimensions of the parent's functioning and the distress is also predicted by the presence of inattention, hyperactivity, psychotic behavior, anxiety withdrawal, duration of the illness, delay to start treatment, age of the child and mother's education.