

Assessment of attention and hyperactivity symptoms in offsprings of parents with bipolar disorder

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This study aimed to verify if the offsprings of bipolar patients who were suffering from psychiatric symptoms, especially attention and hyperactivity problems more than children of normal parents. The study group consisted of children of 60 subjects, divided into two groups. Group A included children of 30 ICD10 diagnosed recurrent bipolar patients (n = 37) and group B included children of 30 normal parents (n = 31). Psychopathology, including attention and hyperactivity problems, was assessed by child behavioral checklist (CBCL) and Conners' rating scale (CRS). The study concluded that having a bipolar parent is an important factor for liability to attention and hyperactivity problems.