

Prevalence and phenomenology of obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) symptoms in a sample of Egyptian schizophrenic patients compared to non-psychotic OCD patients

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This study aimed to assess the incidence of OCD symptoms in chronic schizophrenic patients and to compare the symptom content of schizophrenics with OCD symptoms with that of non-psychotic OCD patients.

A total of 132 patients were studied, 100 of them meeting the DSM-IV diagnostic criteria of chronic schizophrenia and 32 meeting the DSM-IV diagnostic criteria of non psychotic OCD. This work aimed also to compare the symptom content of schizophrenic patients with that of non-psychotic OCD patients. The results showed that the of OCD symptoms in schizophrenics of the sample was 40%, apart from longer duration of illness. The socio-demographic data profile did not significantly differ between schizophrenics with OCD symptoms and those without. The comparison of OCD symptom content did not differ between schizophrenics with OCD symptoms and non-psychotic OCD patients.