

Comparative study between rapid-cycling and non-rapid-cycling bipolar disorder : Clinical, psychological and sociodemographic factors

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This study aimed to assess the sociodemographic clinical and psychological features of subjects with rapid-cycling bipolar disorder (RC) that differentiate them from those with non-rapid-cycling bipolar disorder.

Forty patients diagnosed as rapid cycling bipolar disorder according to DSM-IVTR (2000) Criteria were compared with 40 patients diagnosed as non rapid cycling bipolar disorder. The study concluded that rapid-cycling among patients with bipolar affective disorders is important because of its implications for long- term prognosis and for the use of anti-depressants and mood stabilizers. Psychiatrists must be alert to features that make the patient liable to RC with the aim of intervention.