

Mood and conduct disorders in children and adolescents with substance abuse disorders : A controlled study

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The late childhood and adolescence phases are showing increasingly tendency for substance abuse in Egypt. Also, it is known that this period is characterized by personality development, its possible problems including mood disorders and delinquency. Our study is interested in investigating the interface between substance abuse disorder and these changes in this period. To achieve our goal, two groups from Ain shams adolescent psychiatric clinic were collected. Twenty subjects with substance abuse disorder and twenty subjects matched for age with other heterogeneous psychiatric disorders but not associated with substance abuse were studied. Both groups of the study were subjected to the diagnosis according to the criteria of DSM IV-TR and psychometric assessment using Arabic version of child depression inventory (CDI), childhood manifest anxiety scale (CAS) and child behavior checklist (CBCL). Results showed high prevalence of all parameters of depression, anxiety and conduct scores in children and adolescents with substance abuse than their peers with other psychiatric disorders. The results were discussed in the light of similar studies in other cultures.