

Descriptive study of psychotic homicidal females in comparison with psychotic females non-offenders

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A selected twenty psychotic homicidal non-guilty by reason of insanity females in acquittees ward in El-Abbassia Hospital compared to a group of selected twenty psychotic non-homicidal female patients from other wards in the same hospital as a control sample (with the same DSM IV Axis I diagnosis and duration of admission as the first group).

A-Review Egyptian , International literature about;(Legal definition of homicide ,criminal responsibility- relation between mental illness ,violence and criminality-homicidal behavior committed by mentally ill women).

To compare female psychotic homicidal with female psychotic non-homicidal to detect a correlation in the past history ,social circumstances and clinical profile associated with homicide.

Describe crime circumstance

By using psychiatric assessment and history taking according to Ain-Shams semistructured interview then usage of standardized psychiatric assessment using Structured Clinical Interview for DSM 1V .(SCID I- SCID II).Inclusion criteria were :(female-psychotic).Exclusion criteria were:(organic or epileptic psychotic patients)

Homicidal females scored higher on GAF scale.50% of them were schizophrenics, 35% were bipolar.15% were schizoaffective.

Correlates of homicide in psychotic females are:(younger age of onset of mental illness-diagnosis of schizophrenia then bipolar manic then mood episodes of postpartum onset then schizoaffective-being married with children-history of exposure to domestic violence in childhood-past history of severe violent acts especially attempted homicide).