

Systematic review of Egyptian psychiatric studies on child psychiatric disorders

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The aim of the work is to systematically review and appraise the available Egyptian studies on child psychiatry, to generate recommendation for further studies and to provide a summary of clinical M.D. thesis and M.S.c thesis on child psychiatry done in Ain Shams University-psychiatry Department(this will be included as an appendix).

We can conclude that most of the Egyptian studies assess the epidemiology of child psychiatric disorders in a specific geographical area. So, there is a lack of large surveys that cover different geographical areas to assess the epidemiology of child psychiatric disorders in Egypt. As regard the Egyptian studies discussing the etiology of child psychiatric disorders, they are not bad (acceptable). Whereas, the Egyptian studies on the clinical description of child psychiatric disorders, they cover many aspects of the clinical profile. But few studies have been done on the management of child psychiatric disorders, and the Egyptian studies on the outcome of child psychiatric disorders, they discuss these points from a different view which is the impact of the disorders on the child and on their parents.

Lastly, we report two common criticisms: First; the study design is not mentioned clearly in most studies. Second; the sample size (power of the study) is not measured in most of the studies.