

A comparative study between abused and non-abused women on some clinical and psychological variables

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The study aims at investigating the differences between abused and non abused women in some clinical and psychological variables: somatization, obsessive compulsive, interpersonal sensitivity, depression, anxiety, hostility, phobic anxiety, paranoid ideation, psychoticism, psychological adjustment, and social competence. Examining the relationship between psychological abuse and the above variables. Examining the relationship between physical abuse and the above variables examining the relationship between sexual abuse and the above variables. The sample consisted of (196) Saudian women (98), abused women, 98 non abused women) the sample of abused women was drawn from king Fahd hospital, social counseling centers and units in Jeddah, all the abused women reported experiencing physical and psychological abuse from their husbands during the past year. The control group (non abused women) was drawn from king Abdelaziz University and Saudi air line in Jeddah. All the non abused women reported not exposing to any kind of abuse from their husbands. The age range of abused women and non abused women ranged from 35-45 years. The authors used the following tools : Women abuse scale, Symptom check list, Psychological adjustment scale Social competence test. Results revealed that there were statistically significant differences between abused women and non-abused women on somatization, depression, anxiety, obsession, Interpersonal sensitivity, hostility, phobic anxiety, paranoid ideation and psychoticism in favor of abused women, and on psychological adjustment, social competence in favor of non-abused women. Results revealed positive correlation between psychological abuse on one hand and sexual abuse, somatization, obsession, interpersonal sensitivity, depression, anxiety hostility, phobic anxiety paranoid ideation, psychoticism on the other hand, and negative correlation between psychological abuse and psychological adjustment.