

schizoid symptoms. Both dimensions were associated with poorer overall and social functioning, but negative schizotypy was associated with decreased likelihood of intimate relationships. The findings support the construct validity of a multidimensional model of schizotypy and the use of psychometric inventories to assess these dimensions.

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The MAO-A VNTR polymorphism is an important determinant of working memory and sensorimotor gating

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Background and Aims: Previous studies suggest that the serotonergic pathway may play an important role in prefrontal cortical (PFC) function. The enzyme monoamine oxidase-A (MAO-A) is primarily involved in serotonin catabolism. The MAO-A gene, harbours a variable number tandem repeat (VNTR) polymorphism with high (MAOA-H) and low (MAOA-L) activity variants. Individuals with the MAOA-H allele present with lower amine concentration, higher response inhibition failure and reduced information processing. We therefore hypothesised that these individuals would present with lower PPI levels and working memory performance.

Methods: PPI (85-dB prepulse at 30-, 60-, 120-ms intervals) was assessed in 118 healthy males (MAOA-L group n=41 and MAOA-H group n=77). Subjects' working memory was assessed with the N-back, a PFC-dependent task. PPI data were analysed with repeated measures ANOVA and the N-Back data were analysed with the Mann-Whitney nonparametric test.

Results: Demographic and startle characteristics were similar between the two genotype groups. Analysis of the PPI data revealed higher PPI levels in the MAOA-L compared to the MAOA-H group in all trial types. In addition, the MAOA-L group had significantly more correct responses in the two-back condition.

Conclusions: Compared to MAOA-L, MAOA-H individuals show lower PPI and worse N-Back performance. These results suggest that the MAO-A VNTR polymorphism is an important determinant of sensorimotor gating and working memory, possibly through a PFC mediated mechanism.

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Influence of patients premorbid peculiarity, who in the first time ached schizophrenia in old age, on negative disorders

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Searching development predictors of schizophrenia continue constantly. In connection with the universal tendency to ageing the population there was a necessity of studying premorbid features at sick of schizophrenia with debut after 45 years, as has served as the purpose of our research. As methods of research data was subjective and objective anamnesesises, and the reduced multifactorial questionnaire of the person which questions were answered with relatives, according to their understanding of behaviour of the patient before the first displays of illness have served. 50 patients have been included in research in the age of from 46 till 68 years. During inspection patients were able to remission. 66% of patients are revealed disorder of person in the form of accentuation, other patients were harmonious persons up to illness. The authentic majority of patients had character disorder on schizoid type (55%), on a share epileptiform accentuation

15% were necessary. At the others of 30% of patients are revealed premorbid features in the form of hyperthymic, unstable, hysteroparanoic, psychasthenic and mosaic accentuation. Deeper personal infringements it has not been revealed at one patient. It has not revealed an authentic difference in premorbid features at patients with various type of current schizophrenic process. It is established, that more often at late age the schizophrenia debut at persons with a disharmonious warehouse of the person in premorbid, in particular schizoid accentuation. It is impossible to exclude influence revealed personal features on becoming of negative frustration at sick of late schizophrenia.

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Schizophrenia: is therapy involving early warning symptoms and antipsychotics successful?

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Background and Aims: Are early warning symptoms used in treatment, and if so what result does this therapy have in practise? Is the presumption correct that therapy with a focus on early warning symptoms results in less new episodes and more compliance towards anti-psychotic medicine?

Methods: The policy for patients with schizophrenia within GGNet was checked. Moreover, an extensive literature review was conducted using PubMed, the internet in general and research contacts in order to avoid important literature to be left out.

Results: In this study, in line with previous research on early warning symptoms (O'Sullivan & Gilbert, 2003), it was found that they are indeed successfully used in practice (e.g., Birchwood, Spencer, & McGovern, 2000). Moreover, it was also found that patients and their families feel safer and know what to do if new episodes seem to be emerging (e.g., Bosch & Van den Noort, 2008).

Conclusions: Early warning symptoms are indeed successfully used in treatment (e.g., Bosch & Van den Noort, 2008). More research is needed, in order to optimise the techniques that are used in practise. This might result in lower annual cost of rehospitalization for multiple-episode schizophrenia outpatients (e.g., Weiden & Olton, 1995). Recognising early warning symptoms might be taught, but one point that needs our further attention is the therapyplan that is made after this learning process. How to make this plan work and to optimise the use of early warning symptoms should be a topic for further research.

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Schizophrenia and sleep disorders, their relation and treatment with acupuncture

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Background and Aims: In August 2008, a book will come out (edited by the authors of this abstract and published by Hogrefe & Huber publishers, Germany) on Schizophrenia, Sleep and Acupuncture. Several international researchers and authors have contributed to this unique book. The authors of this abstract would like to present the background theory of this book, and the results that were found so