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AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS IN SCHIZOPHRENIA - PERSONALITY, ENVIRONMENTAL-SITUATIONAL AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL PREDICTORS

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Aggressive behaviors in schizophrenia generate interest not only experts taking care of treatment, but also public opinion. For the best part of society incidence of aggressive behaviors suggest that aggressive person is mentally ill. This oversimplification is one of the most important factors which lead to stigmatization and social isolation patients sufferning from schizphrenia. Researches indicate that acts of aggression occur more often in the course of schizophrenia than in another mental disorders and it is beeing connected with psychopathological symptoms, personality traits and social environment. Sparse data suggest also as a reason of it worse functioning of frontal lobes in these patients, which may manifest itself in the form of emotional disturbances. The most typical symptom in this domain is difficulty to control behaviors which can lead to aggressive behaviors. In the literature, however, there is no model that would explain precisely connection of all of these factors connected with aggression in schizophrenia.

The aim of this study was to assess intensity and identify different kind of aggression, which occur in patients suffering from schizophrenia, and explanation of connections between aggressive behaviors, psychopathological symptoms and neuropsychological, personality and environment factors.