

Introduction: The burden of depression and anxiety is poorly documented in Central African populations.

Objectives: To present the epidemiology of depressive and anxiety disorders among older people in two Central African countries.

Methods: A cross-sectional population-based study was carried out in Republic of Congo (ROC) and Central African Republic (CAR) between 2011 - 2012 among people aged ≥ 65 years (EPIDEMCA study). Data were collected using a standardized questionnaire and participants underwent a brief physical examination. Depression and anxiety symptoms were ascertained using a community version of the Geriatric Mental State (GMS-B3). Probable cases were defined as having a GMS-AGECAT score ≥ 3 . Logistic regression models were used to investigate the association between potential risk factors collected and presence of at least one of both symptoms.

Results: Overall 2002 participants were included in the EPIDEMCA study. Median age of the participants was 72 years [inter-quartile range: 68 - 78 years] and 61.8% were females. Prevalence was 38.1% (95% Confidence Interval: 35.9% - 40.2%) for depression, 7.7% (95% CI: 6.5% - 8.9%) for anxiety. In total 40.1% had at least one of both symptoms. In multivariable models, the following factors were associated with the presence of at least one of both symptoms: female sex, residence area, frailty, cognitive disorders, a high happiness score (protective) and hypertension (adjusted Odds Ratios from 1.3 to 1.7; $p < 0.01$).

Conclusions: In light of the high prevalence of both psychiatric symptoms among Central African older people, evidence on their epidemiology is important for better management and policy planning.

Keywords: Depression; African Older people; Anxiety; EPIDEMCA

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Bipolar disorder and multiple sclerosis

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Introduction: Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an inflammatory demyelinating illness characterized not only by severe neurological symptoms and somatic signs but also by psychiatric symptoms. Psychiatric comorbidity is common in MS. However, the incidence of psychiatric comorbidity remains understudied.

Objectives: To discuss the relationship of psychiatric disorder to neurologic dysfunction in MS through a clinical case.

Methods: Presentation of a clinical case of bipolar disorder in a 45-year-old woman with MS, followed by a literature review.

Results: We reported a case of a 45-year-old woman, who was followed in neurology for MS since the age of twenty-five. She was stable under monthly treatment. She was referred by her neurologist for psychomotor excitement, insomnia, feeling of well being, and sexual disinhibition. The symptoms were present for three weeks. At the interview, she was euphoric, disinhibited, she had logorrhea and did not verbalize delirium. An attack of multiple sclerosis was ruled out. The patient did not report any history of psychiatric illness, epilepsy, head trauma, or use of psychoactive substances. We retained the diagnosis of bipolar disorder (manic episode). Divalproex sodium and olanzapine were prescribed with significant improvement of symptoms.

Conclusions: This reported case is interesting since it highlights the possible association between multiple sclerosis and bipolar disorder. Further investigations are needed to identify potential shared risk factors between these pathologies to improve patients' outcomes.

Keywords: bipolar disorder; Multiple sclerosis

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Somatic disorders in psychiatric inpatients : Prevalence and associated factors

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Introduction: Elevated prevalence of somatic disorders (SD) in patients with mental diseases is well recognized and studied since latest years. However, their detection remains too late, which darken the prognosis of both diseases, and complicate the therapeutic management.

Objectives: We aimed to determine the prevalence of SD in psychiatric inpatients, and to assess relationships between the two diseases.

Methods: We analyzed retrospectively the medical records of 94 male patients hospitalized for the first time in psychiatry "B" department, Hedi Chaker hospital (Sfax, Tunisia), in the period from January 1st until December 31st, 2019.

Results: The mean age of patients was 36.88 years. Among them, 22.3% used cannabis and 37.2% consumed alcohol. Schizophrenia (41.5%) and bipolar disorders (20.2%) were the most common psychiatric diagnoses. During their hospitalization, at least one SD was noted in 53.2%: cardiovascular diseases 21.3% (electrocardiographic anomalies 19.1%); infections 9.6% and hepatic pathologies 8.5%. The SD was comorbid with psychiatric disease in 90%, and represented a side effect of psychotropics in 10% of patients with SD. Older Patients were more likely to present SD during hospitalization, without a significant association. Patients with schizophrenia were significantly more likely to present infections ($p = 0.031$). Repolarization disorders are more common in patients with cannabis use ($p = 0.006$).

Conclusions: Our study pointed the high prevalence of SD in patients with mental illnesses, especially in those with schizophrenia and cannabis use. Thus, the somatic assessment should be a systematic practice to identify patients at risk for somatic complications and ensure timely their transfer to a specialized setting.

Keywords: comorbidity; somatic disorder; psychiatric disorder

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Bayesian models to explain autistic traits in psychiatric population

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Introduction: Studies on psychiatric patients have shown that the presence of autistic traits affects the effectiveness of the treatment, decreasing the likelihood of positive clinical outcomes.

Objectives: The aim of the present study is to investigate which are the areas of overlap between psychiatric symptoms and the traits of the autism spectrum using a bayesian approach.

Methods: A sample of 190 adult psychiatric patients, diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, and personality disorder participated in the study. The RAADS-R questionnaire was used to assess the presence of autistic traits. The severity of psychiatric symptoms was measured with the BPRS and PANSS scales, the perceived well-being and disability using the Whodas and Whoqol scales, the TOL and STROOP for the measurement of executive functions, the attentional matrices for visual-spatial attention, the Raven for general cognitive skills.

Results: No difference emerged between the diagnoses regarding the presence of symptoms of the autism spectrum, which affects 64% of subjects. Logistic regression showed that the severity of symptoms measured as BPRS and PANSS predicted the probability of having autistic traits. Bayesian regression showed that specific autistic traits are indicative of executive functions deficits. Namely, motor impairment severity measured at RAADS is strongly predicted by rule violation with number of correct moves measured at TOL. The other executive functions seemed to be only moderately linked to autistic traits.

Conclusions: These results provide new information about the expression of comorbidity with autism in psychiatric patients.

Keywords: executive function; Bayesian model; autistic traits; Psychiatric symptoms

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Parkinson's disease and depression

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Introduction: Parkinson's disease has long been considered as a neurodegenerative disorder of pure motor expression. Motor dysfunction in Parkinson's disease and other parkinsonian disorders is frequently accompanied by nonmotor signs and symptoms, including cognitive impairment, apathy, anxiety, and depression. Among psychiatric disorders comorbid with Parkinson's disease, depression is probably the most important in terms of frequency and impact.

Objectives: The aim of this presentation was to illustrate the importance of considering depressive symptoms in patients with Parkinson's disease.

Methods: A case report describing a patient with depressive symptoms in a patient with Parkinson's disease and literature review.

Results: We report a case of a 57-year-old woman who presented symptoms of Parkinson's disease for two years. She was treated with Benserazide (Madopar). She was referred to our department for depressive symptomatology. The patient suffered from fatigue, insomnia, loss of sexual desire, sadness, anhedonia, and social withdrawal during the last three months. The diagnosis of depression was not immediately retained. Finally, a major depressive episode was diagnosed. Fluoxetine (20mg per day) was prescribed with clinical improvement.

Conclusions: The diagnosis of a depressive episode is most often complex, due to an overlap symptomatic of both disorders. The depression comorbid to Parkinson's disease because of its frequency and impact, requires specific identification and management early.

Keywords: parkinson's disease; Depression

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Psychiatric disorders and somatic comorbidities.

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Introduction: People followed at the department of psychiatry have a high prevalence of somatic pathologies that are generally not taken optimal care of in time, which implies excess mortality rate among these patients.

Objectives: To study somatic comorbidities in patients followed at the department of psychiatry of the regional hospital of Gabes (Tunisia).

Methods: We conducted a retrospective, descriptive and analytical study carried out on a clinical population who consult for the first time at the psychiatry department at the Gabes regional hospital during the period from January 1st, 2010 to December 31, 2013. Sociodemographic, clinical and therapeutic data of the patients were assessed. Data were analysed using the software SPSS (20th edition).

Results: The number of patients consulting for the first time at the psychiatry department during the study's period was 1601 patients, with a mean age of 34 years and a sex ratio (M / F) of 0.96. Among these patients, 399 (24.9%) had somatic comorbidity. The most common somatic comorbidity was arterial hypertension (8.1% of patients, n=129 patients). Diabetes mellitus was ranked second with 99 patients (6.2%). The analytical study showed that depressive disorders were significantly more frequent in patients with hypertension (p<0.001), diabetes mellitus (p<0.001) and asthma (p=0.026).

Conclusions: Somatic comorbidities were frequent in patients followed by the department of psychiatry. Paying attention to somatic comorbidities must be part of the evaluation of these patients in order to coordinate effectively with the somatic doctors.

Keywords: Psychiatric disorders; Somatic comorbidities

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The role of social acuity assessment in differentiating primary psychoses from drug-induced psychoses

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