

disorders and the cognitive factors hypothesized to influence this relationship, such as intolerance of uncertainty and insight.

Methods: 65 patients with schizophrenia spectrum disorder were included. Sociodemographic data form, Davos Assessment of Cognitive Biases Scale (DACOBS), Intolerance of Uncertainty Scale (IUS) Anxiety Sensitivity Index-3 (ASI-3), and Beck Cognitive Insight Scale (BCIS) Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS) and Beck Anxiety Inventory were applied. Ethics committee approval was obtained (no: 2023-40). Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS 25.

Results: The mean age of the participants was 39.27 ± 12.21 years. 63.1% were male (n: 41) and 36.9% (n: 24) were female. Disease duration was 16.95 ± 12.80 years. Hierarchical regression analysis determined that PANNS positive scores were predicted by DACOBS external attribution subscale and IUS, ASI-3 and BCIS scores had a moderator effect ($F: 3.51$ $p < 0.001$).

Conclusions: Our results showed that external attribution bias is the only cognitive bias associated with positive psychotic symptoms. Intolerance of uncertainty and anxiety sensitivity also play a role in the prediction of positive psychotic symptoms. Targeting intolerance of uncertainty and anxiety sensitivity with cognitive interventions may be useful in the treatment of positive psychotic symptoms in schizophrenia spectrum disorders.

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Development of addiction to nicotine with patients suffering from schizophrenia

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Introduction: Symptoms of schizophrenia are associated with dysregulation of the dopaminergic systems of the central nervous system. Negative symptoms, including those related to emotions and mood, result from reduced activity in the mesocortical system, while positive symptoms result from increased activity of the mesolimbic system. Disorders in the reward system, composed of dopaminergic neurons, play an important role in the pathogenesis of addiction development. Nicotine activates the presynaptic parts of the neurons that make up the system to secrete dopamine, which translates into a feeling of pleasure and stimulates the development of addiction.

Objectives: The aim of the study was to demonstrate the relationship between the degree of development of nicotine and the severity of symptoms related to emotions and mood with patients suffering from schizophrenia.

Methods: The study involved 75 patients diagnosed with schizophrenia (F.20 according to ICD-10). The study was conducted from October 2023 to September 2024 in CZPiLU in Gliwice. During the study, the Frankfurter-Bejndlichkeits-Skala was used to assess the appearance and severity of symptoms related to emotions and mood. The analysis of the development of addiction was made possible by the Fagerström Test for Nicotine Dependence.

Results: Based on statistical analysis, a significant relationship was noted between the severity of addiction to nicotine and the presence or absence of symptoms related to well-being. In addition, a correlation ($p < 0.001$) was noted between the degree of nicotine and the severity of symptoms related to emotions and mood. Patients with strong negative symptoms of schizophrenia developed a high level

of addiction to nicotine ($p = 0.001$), while those with mild ($p = 0.001$) or moderate symptoms ($p = 0.005$) related to well-being achieved lower scores on individual addiction scales. All patients included in the study had at least a mild level of addiction to nicotine.

Conclusions: The presence of schizophrenia symptoms related to well-being has a significant impact on the initiation of addiction development to nicotine. Furthermore, the level of advancement of symptoms related to emotions and mood translates into the severity of nicotine, especially in the group of patients in whom strong negative symptoms translate into a high level of addiction advancement. Patients suffering from schizophrenia require psychological and psychiatric care and diagnostics for addictions and appropriate prevention before their development.

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Assessing the Relationship Between Schizophrenia Symptom Severity and Insight Using the Frankfurt Complaint Scale (FBS) and “My thoughts and feelings” Questionnaire

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Introduction: Schizophrenia remains a complex psychiatric disorder characterized by varying symptoms and levels of insight. The Frankfurt Complaint Scale (FBS) and the “My thoughts and feelings” questionnaire provide quantitative measures of symptom severity and insight, respectively. Previous literature has emphasized the importance of these tools in both clinical assessment and therapeutic planning.

Objectives: Exploring the Relationship Between Schizophrenia Symptom Severity and Insight based on the Frankfurt Scale and the “My thoughts and feelings” Questionnaire.

Methods: The study utilized data extracted from an Excel dataset comprising demographic information and specific scores from the FBS and the Insight questionnaire. The sample was divided into four subgroups based on their FBS scores, and the average Insight score for each subgroup was calculated.

Results: The study found the following average Insight scores across FBS-defined subgroups: Mild symptoms: 9.67, Moderate symptoms: 8.25, Severe symptoms: 8.22, Very severe symptoms: 9.29. The correlation analysis revealed a weak and non-significant correlation between FBS scores and Insight scores ($r = -0.017$, $p = 0.925$). The demographic analysis showed a prevalence of male patients ($n = 20$), with the most common age group being 36-45 ($n = 11$). Most participants resided in large cities ($n = 16$), with the highest educational attainment being a Bachelor's/Master's degree ($n = 12$), and the majority were single ($n = 21$). The study group displayed diverse demographic characteristics, with a significant male predominance and a concentration in urban environments. This demographic distribution may influence the generalizability of the findings and provides a context for interpreting the varied experiences and perceptions of illness within the group.

Conclusions: This study underscores the complexity of schizophrenia, where symptom severity does not straightforwardly correlate with insight into the illness. It highlights the importance of