

psychiatric history. He had been out of school for 4 months. The patient began to develop a fear of pathogen contamination. He maintained cleaning and checking rituals. He ate only packaged food and spent hours, and slept, in the same corner of the bed.

Medication with sertraline up to 150 mg was started with progressive improvement. During the admission a history of evolutionary development was taken, observing a difficulty in the mentalization of other people's emotions. Very adult and literal speech with difficulty in abstract thinking. He revealed presence of restricted interests throughout his history such as rare languages. Finally, the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and comorbid obsessive compulsive disorder was made.

Conclusions: The comorbidity between autism spectrum disorder and OCD occurs between 37%. This comorbidity can make it difficult to perform psychotherapeutic interventions. This work shows on the one hand an already diagnosed autistic patient who develops an OCD, and on the other hand, how the initial diagnosis is an OCD on which an autism spectrum disorder is detected. This highlights the importance of knowing the comorbidity in order to detect both diagnoses.

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Instruments and scales for assessing schizo-obsessive disorder: a systematic review

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Introduction: Recent evidence suggest the nosological entity called Schizo-Obsessive Disorder (SchizoOCD), similar to Schizoaffective Disorder. Some authors argued that obsessions and delusions would be on a continuum, which justify the difficulty in distinguishing obsessive from delusional thoughts, and compulsions from stereotypical behaviors. In order to assist in the screening, monitoring or treatment of such disorders, instruments as scales and questionnaires may be important tools in psychiatric practice. **Objectives:** This systematic review investigated the most frequent instruments used to assess SchizoOCD.

Methods: We systematically reviewed articles up to 2015 in English, Portuguese and Spanish at PubMed, Scielo and Embase databases. We included studies with humans, no age limitation, with OCS or diagnosis of OCD and schizophrenia or psychotic symptoms. Systematic review articles, meta-analysis, letters to the editor and case reports were excluded, as well as articles that did not use assessment instruments for the diagnosis of schizophrenia comorbid with OCD. The methodological and clinical data extracted from the articles are described at the results.

Results: A total of 9,833 articles were selected, but 53 were read. Cross-sectional studies were the most frequent (n=39; 73.6%), followed by cohort studies (n=9; 17.0%). The total sample size of Schizo-OCD patients was 2,605 patients (in 44 studies), of which 44.7% (n=1,164) were female. The mean age and the age of onset of the disorders are described in Table 1. Only 23 (44.4%) of

the studies described the psychiatric comorbidities (2 (3.8%) studies reported that the patients had no comorbidities). The most frequent comorbidities were Major Depression (n=18; 34%) and Substance Use Disorder (n=9; 17.0%). The used diagnostic instruments or interviews are listed in Table 2. Table 3 describes the scales used to assess the severity of Schizophrenia and/or OCD symptoms. From a psychopathological point of view, only 9 (17.0%) of the articles described psychotic symptoms in more detail. For OCD, 15 (28.3%) of the articles detailed the obsessive-compulsive symptoms.

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Table 3 – Scales used to assess the severity of psychotic and/or obsessive-compulsive symptoms in the 53 selected articles.

Schizophrenia		OCD	
Scales	n (%)	Scales	n (%)
PANSS	41 (77,4)	YBOCS	40 (75,5)
CGI-SCH	4 (7,5)	OCI	10 (18,9)
BPRS	3 (5,7)	DOCS	1 (1,9)
CAPE	2 (3,8)		
OPCRIT	1 (1,9)		
EASE	1 (1,9)		
BSABS	1 (1,9)		
EAFI	1 (1,9)		
WEMWBS	1 (1,9)		
SIS-R	1 (1,9)		
SPQ	1 (1,9)		
SADS-L	1 (1,9)		

subtitle: PANSS, Positive and Negative Symptom Scale; BPRS, Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale; CGI-SCH, Clinical Global Impression Schizophrenia Scale; CAPE, Community Assessment Psychiatric Experiences; OPCRIT, Operational Criteria Checklist for Psychotic Illness and Affective Illness; EASE, Examination of Anomalous Self-Experience; BSABS, Bonn Scale for the Assessment of Basic Symptoms; WEMWBS, Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scales; SIS-R, Structured Interview for Schizotypy-Revised; SPQ, Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire; SADS-L, Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia; OCI, Obsessive-Compulsive Inventory; YBOCS, Yale-Brown Obsessive-Compulsive Scale; DOCS, Dimensional Obsessive-Compulsive Scale; OCD, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

Image 2:

Table 2 – Instruments and interviews used to make or confirm diagnoses of Schizophrenia and/or Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in the 53 selected articles.

Schizophrenia			OCD		
Diagnosis	Interviews	Instruments	Diagnosis	Interviews	Instruments
DSM-IV (n=37; 69,8%)	SCID (n=5; 9,4%)	PANSS (n=1; 1,9%)	DSM-III (n=1; 1,9%)	SCID (n=3; 5,7%)	OCI (n=4; 7,5%)
DSM 5 (n=8; 15,1%)	MINI (n=7; 13,2%)	CASH (n=9; 17,0%)	DSM-IV (n=16; 30,2%)	MINI (n=1; 1,9%)	YBOCS (n=11; 20,8%)
ICD-10 (n=5; 9,4%)	SCAN (n=10; 18,9%)	OPCRIT (n=1; 1,9%)	DSM 5 (n=2; 3,8%)		
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Legend: DSM, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; ICD, International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems; SCID, Structured Clinical Interview for DSM Disorders; MINI, International Neuropsychiatric Interview; PANSS, Schedules for Clinical Assessment in Neuropsychiatry Positive and Negative Symptom Scale; CASH, Comprehensive Assessment of Symptoms and History; OPCRIT, Operational Criteria Checklist for Psychotic Illness and Affective Illness; OCI, Obsessive-Compulsive Inventory; YBOCS, Yale-Brown Obsessive-Compulsive Scale.

