

Conclusions: College students self-report a poor sleep and the prevalent personality dimensions are Conscientiousness and Emotionality. Students with higher levels of Emotionality (fearfulness, anxiety, dependence and sentimentality) presented a poor sleep. To conclude, mediation studies are needed in order to better understanding the link between personality and sleep.

Keywords: Personality; College students; sleep quality; Emotionality

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Perinatal depression as a risk-factor for infant sleep disturbances: Subjective data from a case-control study

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Introduction: Perinatal period is characterized by a broad range of physical, psychological and relational changes. Maternal perinatal depression (PD) is defined as an episode of major depression with the onset from pregnancy to the first year after delivery. Depressive symptoms influence the earlier mother-child interaction and impact on child cognitive, affective and behavioral development.

Objectives: Purpose of our study was to evaluate the consequences of PD on sleep-wake patterns in the early stages of infant development. We aim to investigate the presence of poor sleep in infants/toddlers and also to identify differences in sleep ecology variables. **Methods:** We enrolled, from December 2019 to September 2020, a clinical sample of children born from women with PD (N=19, m.a.=13,7, SD= 7,6) and a healthy control group (N=21, m.a.=15,5, SD=5,43). Infant sleep data were obtained from the Brief Infant Sleep Questionnaire (BISQ). Poor sleepers were defined by the following criteria: >3 night wakings, nocturnal wakefulness >1 hr or total sleep duration <9 hr. Maternal depression was assessed with clinical and psychometric evaluation. T-test was used for comparison between the two samples.

Results: Statistical analysis indicates that there were not significant differences between the two groups concerning night wakings (p=.678), nocturnal wakefulness (p=.815), total sleep duration (p=.209) and nocturnal sleep onset time (p=.475).

Conclusions: Our findings suggest that PD is not a risk-factor in the onset of infant sleep problems. Probably negative parenting, affective disengagement, delegation in maternal care and sedative effects of pharmacotherapy may affect mother's perception of her infant's sleep.

Keywords: Perinatal depression; sleep disorders; Mother-child interaction; Relational changes

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Association between brain-derived neurotrophic factor and symptoms of insomnia and depression in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients.

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Introduction: Brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) plays an important role in depression and sleep disorders. It influences the inflammatory process and may affect the interactions between psychological state and gastrointestinal symptoms.

Objectives: The study aimed to compare BDNF concentrations in the group of Crohn's disease (CD), ulcerative colitis (UC) patients, and healthy control (HC), as well as to correlate it with the severity of depression and insomnia.

Methods: The study included 94 inflammatory bowel disease patients (IBD, 57 CD, and 37 UC) and 26 HC. Each participant completed the following questionnaires: Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI), Athens insomnia scale (AIS), and Beck Depression Inventory (BDI). BDNF protein concentration measurements were performed using ELISA. Funding: National Science Centre, Poland-2018/31/N/NZ5/03715.

Results: CD patients had a higher serum level of BDNF (22.5 ng/mL, IQR:17.5-28.5) than UC patients (19.1 ng/mL, IQR:12.3-24.6; p=0.045). CD group had higher BDNF concentrations than HC (17.5 ng/mL, IQR:13.2-23.8; p=0.010), but no such differences were found between UC and HC groups (p=0.544). A positive correlation was found between AIS and BDNF among IBD (r=0.22, p=0.035). Additionally, patients, who obtained high BDI scores (>7 points) had lower BDNF concentrations than others (p=0.004). The patients with long sleep latency (>10 min) achieved a higher BDNF level than others (p=0.038). However, BDNF level did not correlate with PSQI results.

Conclusions: BDNF serum level is increased in CD, but not in UC patients. Overall, the severity of insomnia symptoms correlates positively with BDNF levels. Future research should focus on the further explanation of those observations.

Keywords: BDNF; Insomnia; psychosomatics; inflammatory bowel disease

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Chronic upregulation of circadian clock protein per1 among OSA patients

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Introduction: PER1 is a repressor protein involved in regulating circadian rhythm. While obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is characterized by recurrent pauses in breathing caused by the collapse of the upper airways it might be associated with disruption of the circadian clock.

Objectives: The study aimed to assess PER1 protein in OSA patients and evaluate its association with PSG parameters.

Methods: The study included 40 individuals, who underwent diagnostic polysomnography (PSG) examination. Based apnea-hypopnea index (AHI) patients were divided into groups: control (AHI<5; n=10) and OSA (AHI5; n=30). All participants had their peripheral blood collected in the evening (9:00-10:00 pm) before