POSTER PRESENTATION

Bouffée délirante in the contemporary psychiatric nosology

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Abstract

Introduction: The French nosological concept of bouffée délirante (literally “delusional flush or rush”) may define a subgroup of non-affective, acute remitting psychoses with an especially favorable prognosis. To date, relatively little published literature is available about this entity.

Objectives: To discuss the concept, nosological status, diagnostic features and associated clinical characteristics of bouffée délirante.

Methods: A literature review of the theme is surveyed. Several articles were search on MEDLINE with the key-words: bouffée délirante, acute psychosis and acute paranoid reaction.

Results and Conclusions: Bouffée délirante is a historic French diagnostic term used in the past to describe a short-lived psychosis. It was termed differently in ICD-10 (described as acute and transient psychotic disorders) and DSM 5 (brief psychotic disorder). The key diagnostic features are acute, floridly psychotic symptoms with complete remission.

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