
ALCOHOL DEPENDENT SUBJECTS SHOW DIFFERENT PERSONALITY TRAITS IN COMPARISON WITH SUBJECTS WITH MULTIPLE SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE

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We compared personality traits of 27 persons with multiple substance dependence (MSD) with personality data of 52 alcohol dependent (AD) persons regarding their personality traits and disorders (obtained by using SCID II, TCI and NEO FFI). Both patient groups were free of any other mental disorder.

There were significant differences in SCID II personality disorders in the MSD group, with higher percentages of borderline, schizotypal and antisocial personalities. In the NEO FFI scores of conscientiousness were higher in AD subjects, while neuroticism was higher in the MSD group. In the TCI novelty seeking and self transcendence were higher in MSD versus AD subjects.

Conclusions: We detected significant differences in personality disorders evaluated by SCID II. Temperament and character items - as evaluated by NEO FFI and TCI - showed also significant differences in personality traits, such as novelty seeking and self transcendence as well as conscientiousness. These results may be relevant for prognosis of treatment seeking individuals.