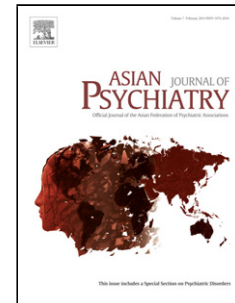


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Highlights:

- Schizophrenia is a psychiatric condition for which the pathogenesis is not clearly defined.
- Inflammation is considered to play a key role in the progression of schizophrenia.
- PCT was assessed as a marker of inflammation alongside CRP in antipsychotic-free patients with schizophrenia.
- Study shows elevated PCT and CRP levels in a subset of patients but not in healthy controls.

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