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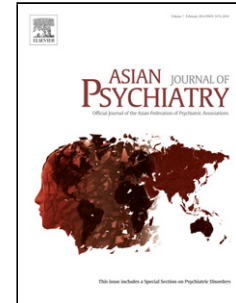
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Abstract:

Selective mutism (SM) is a rare childhood psychiatric disorder which affects children of school going age in which there is a persistent failure to speak in selected social situations only. Several studies have found high rates of other co-morbid psychiatric disorders in children with SM. There should be a step by step approach to diagnose and manage children with SM. However, the situation becomes more difficult if the child has co-morbid autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in regard to diagnosis and management. In this case report, we present a case of 11 years old male child with SM and ASD who was effectively treated with non-pharmacological strategies.

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