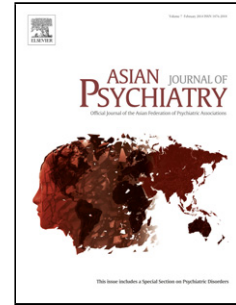


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Very early onset schizophrenia is a very rare phenomena , specially onset at 8 years
- Of all the cases of schizophrenia <1% of cases have onset before 10 years
- Pharmacological intervention have shown modest effect , but overall improvement in social and cognitive functioning require multidisciplinary efforts
- Cognitive remediation is vital to therapeutic intervention and have broad spectrum utility

Introduction

Schizophrenia is a heterogeneous disorder with devastating consequence. The term Early onset and Very early onset presentation refers to the emergence of symptoms before 18 years and 13 years of age respectively (COÅŽKUN and ZOROÄŹLU, 2008)(American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Werry, 2001) .Confident diagnosis of Very Early Onset Schizophrenia (VEOS) is a challenge in itself, nevertheless an imperative one. Of all the cases of schizophrenia <1% of cases have onset before 10 years (Renschmidt et al., 1994).VEOS has the potential to affect the cognitive ,emotional and social development of the child (Tengan and Maia, 2004).We hereby report a rare case of VEOS. Although

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