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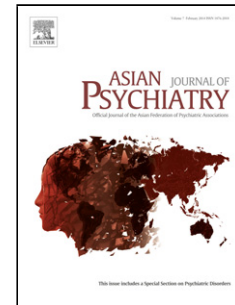
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Introduction

Koro is a term of Malay origin which has been applied for episodes of sudden and intense anxiety that the penis (or the vulva and nipples in females) will recede into the body possibly leading to death (Gwee, 1968). In earlier literature, cases of koro were reported to occur in isolated or epidemic pattern in southern China (Chang, 1997), Malaysia (Gwee et al., 1969) and India (Dutta et al., 1982) making it a culture related disease. Recently it has been inferred that the psychological disappearance of the penis is an universal phenomenon (Mattelaer and Jilek, 2007). Koro is classified as “other specified obsessive-compulsive and related disorder” in DSM-5 (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

Case report

Thirty year old married male immigrant labourer from Nepal presented in psychiatric outpatient department of our hospital in India with complaints of episodes of retraction of penis

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