

A RARE CASE OF EARLY ONSET CHILDHOOD SCHIZOPHRENIA WITH PREDOMINANT NEGATIVE SYMPTOMS

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ABSTRACT:

Early onset childhood schizophrenia (<13 years) is often a rare disorder with an estimated prevalence of 1 in 30,000 children. The disease is characterized by hallucinations, delusions and cognitive impairments. It tends to present insidiously with a premorbid period of developmental delay or regression with declining academics. Due to its variation in clinical presentation, the diagnosis is often missed or sometimes misdiagnosed as pervasive developmental disorders. I hereby present a rare case of 10-year boy with behavioural abnormalities suggestive of psychosis. The current case report from a tertiary care center explored a comprehensive approach for early diagnosis and therapeutic intervention of illness.

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