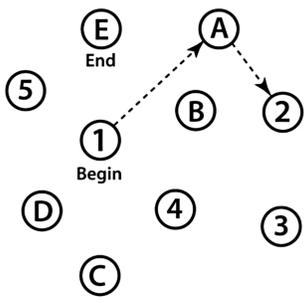


SCREENING FOR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN LATE-ONSET PSYCHOSIS

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OBJECTIVE / AIMS



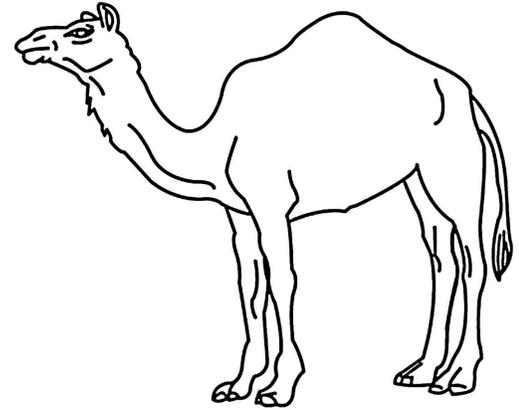
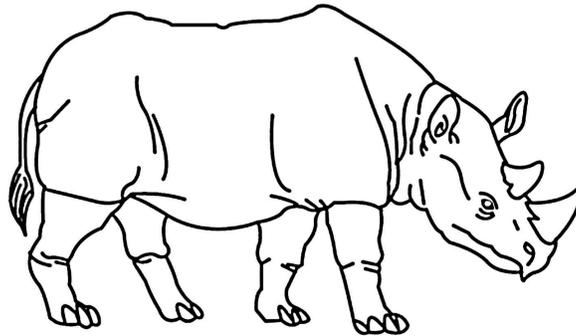
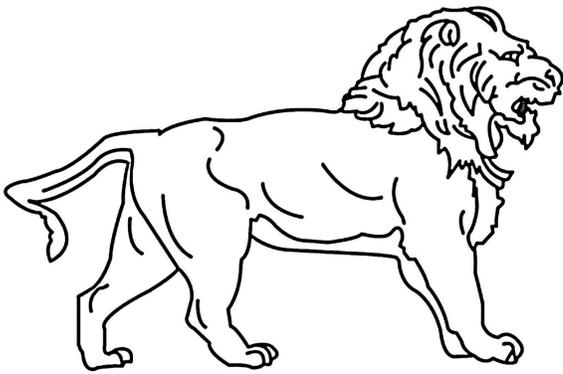
- Late-onset psychotic patients have various cognitive disturbances
- What is essential for clinical practice, these disturbances may range from mild to severe

Our study is aimed to determine differences in cognitive functioning in late-onset schizophrenia (LOS) and very late-onset schizophrenia-like psychosis (VLOSLP) patients compared to healthy controls



POINTS

METHODS



The Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA) [1] was used to assess cognitive functioning in clinical and control group

Two groups participated in the study:

- **Mixed group of LOS/VLOSLP:** n=25, mean age 61.4 ± 8.1, 24 females
- **Healthy controls:** n=22, mean age 56.9 ± 8.7, 16 females

Student's t-test was applied to determine the significance of differences

RESULTS / CONCLUSIONS

- Clinical group demonstrated heterogeneity of cognitive impairment
- All late-onset psychotic patients should undergo at least neuropsychological screening assessment
- Some patients may exhibit severe cognitive difficulties, which may affect their daily and social functioning
- The MOCA may be a useful tool for cognitive screening in late-onset psychotic patients

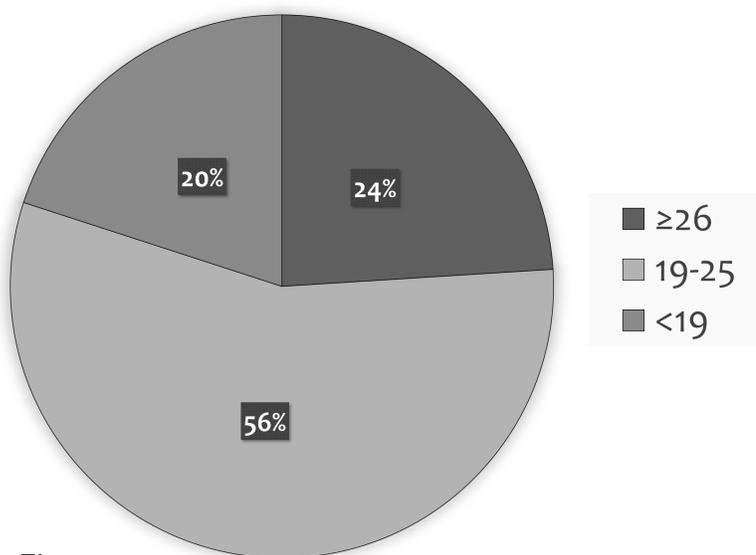


Fig.1
The MOCA scores in the clinical group

Clinical group	Control group
M=22.3 ± 4*	M=26.1 ± 2.6

Tab.1 Mean scores in clinical and control group
* - significant differences; t(45)=3.87, p<.0004

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