Self-Focus Attention and Interpretation Bias in Social Phobia Patients and Compared with Normal Subjects.

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Abstract
This study compared focus attention and interpretation biases in social phobia patients and normal subject. In this study with causal- comparative method 100 subjects with social phobia and 100 normal individuals have compared. Subjects were selected through cluster sampling among Tabriz university students. Data scale of social phobia, attention bias and interpretation of the data was performed using multivariate analysis of variance and was analyzed with SPSS 16 software. This study showed that there are significant differences in self-focused attention and bias to interpret the words of others between the two groups of patients with social phobia and normal subjects, however there was no significant difference between the groups studied in focused attention on others. The results showed that people with social phobia in social situations focused their attention on themselves and interpretation bias (of self and others), they are intensive than normal subject.

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