Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in preschool age children. Its epidemiological prevalence in Navarra and La Rioja, Spain


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Abstract

INTRODUCTION:
There are few studies about preschool attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) prevalence.

AIM:
To study the prevalence of ADHD in preschoolers using a specific scale (ADHD-RS-IV-P-Es) developed for this age range.

SUBJECTS AND METHODS:
We evaluated the prevalence of possible ADHD in a representative sample of preschoolers in Navarre and La Rioja, Spain.

RESULTS:
We find a range of prevalence between 2.5-4.1% depending on the criteria that was used (more or less strict).

CONCLUSIONS:
There are specific tools that can be used in preschool ADHD study. The prevalence of preschool ADHD in Spain is similar to that in other countries. The frequency of symptoms in this age range is similar to that found in school age children.