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Psychological mechanisms mediating the link between childhood trauma and suicidality in patients with first episode psychosis

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Learning Goal:

- Role of rumination and negative schema in the development of suicidal ideation in first episode psychosis
- Prevalence of suicidal ideation and rumination in first episode psychosis

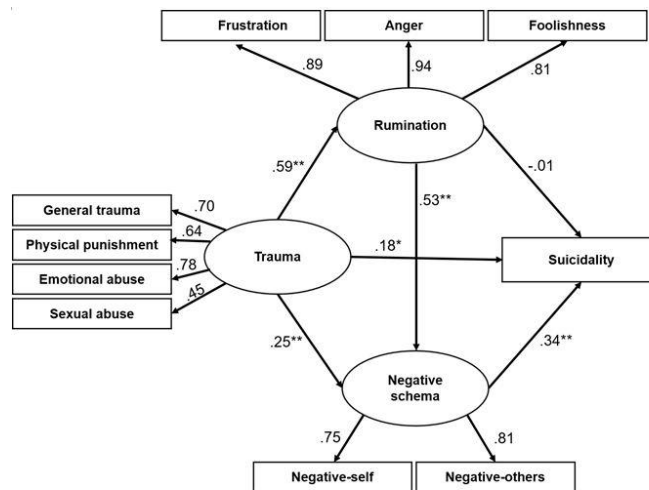
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Background Several studies have investigated childhood trauma (ChT) and suicidality in cases of psychosis. However, psychological mechanisms mediating the link between ChT and suicidality are not well understood. The aims of this study were to explore the mediating roles of negative schema and rumination in the relationship between ChT and suicidality in patients with first episode psychosis (FEP).

Methods The subjects consisted of 306 patients with FEP who were enrolled in the Korean Early Psychosis Cohort Study, a prospective naturalistic observational cohort study. ChT, suicidality, negative schema, and rumination were evaluated with the Early Trauma Inventory Self Report-Short Form, the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, the Brief Core Schema Scale, and the Brooding Scale. In addition, psychopathology and depression were also evaluated. A structural equation model and phantom approach were used to analyze the pathway from ChT to suicidality.

Results We found close associations between ChT, negative schema, and suicidality. Importantly, negative schema played a direct mediating role in the relationship between ChT and suicidality in patients with FEP.

Conclusions Our findings suggest that targeting the negative schema in patients with FEP who are exposed to ChT is an effective strategy for reducing suicidal events.



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