

Re: Autism / oxidative stress

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Wow.

As a schizophrenic, I experience some autism. The old "four A's" of schizophrenia are: autism, affect, ambivalence, and associations. These are replaced in modern nursing school by alogia, anhedonia, affect, and association.

I am brilliantly verbal, and yet autistic. This is no contradiction. What happened to me caused me to give up my faith in language, and so develop a pattern of highly intellectualized, yet ineffective speech. I swear, I can sit in "talk therapy" all day and share affective speech (emotionally honest speech) and intellectualize around it, but it does me no good. My speech is not substantially effective. That is, talking about my emotions doesn't change my life. And as for making plans with speech, that is, considering anything more substantial than when is my next appointment, I am paralyzed, mute. Yet the therapists I am with do not notice this. They think, he must be able to talk to anybody about anything, and so, doesn't need help.

But I can't. It's as if I'm mute. I've lost the critical belief that language does some good, that's it's useful.

So what I am looking for is a diagnosis of autism secondary to schizophrenia, and treatment with a speech language pathologist operating at a very challenging level.

How does this sound?

Thanks, interesting article and I will ask my psychiatrist to interpret it. Perhaps she can test for:

>*red blood cells*
>*thiobarbituric acid-reactive substances (TBARS) levels, and superoxide*
>*dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), adenosine deaminase (ADA) and xanthine*
>*oxidase*
>*(XO) activities*

and determine if there is

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>*lipid peroxidation*

Yours,

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