
ABSTRACT

Changes in dissociative symptoms in the Rorschach protocol by focusing on protocol analysis

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Most Rorschach studies on dissociative disorders have focused on the time of symptom onset. As yet, little research has been conducted on changes in the illness, by comparing the time of onset and time of alleviating dissociative symptoms. Moreover, although in recent years, quantitative analysis has been the focus of Rorschach research, it is known that content analysis could also be useful. Therefore, features of a patient with a dissociative disorder were investigated by comparing the Rorschach protocols at the onset and alleviation of the disorder through quantitative and content analysis. Results of quantitative analysis indicated only a very small positive change in indices of dissociative-disorders. However, a remarkably positive change was seen in the results of content analysis. Specifically, responses that were dissociated from the Rorschach cards decreased and patients became able to recognize characteristics such as the form and shading of the cards. Moreover, the deviation from the cards decreased along with the shift in symptoms.

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