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The Association of the Traumatization Severity and Severity of the Psychic Symptoms of the Females Who Lost Their Husbands During the 1992-1995 War in Bosnia-Herzegovina

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Introduction: Females who lost their husbands during the war suffer from the different psychic problems.

Objectives: to investigate the association of severity of traumatization and level of somatization, obsessive-compulsive symptoms, sensibility, depressiveness, anxiety, hostility, phobic, paranoia, psychotic symptoms of the females who lost husbands during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BH).

Methods: The sample consisted of 50 females who lost and 50 females who did not lose their husbands in the BH war 1992-1995, of age from 35-60 years. We used The Harvard Trauma Questionnaire and Brief Symptom Inventory.

Results: The obtained results indicate that the level of traumatization was significantly positively associated with the level of the somatization (Pearson's $r=0,682$; $P<0,001$), obsessive-compulsive symptoms ($r=0,759$; $P<0,001$), sensibility ($r=0,698$; $P<0,001$), depressiveness ($r=0,743$; $P<0,001$), anxiety ($r=0,780$; $P<0,001$), hostility ($r=0,765$; $P<0,001$), phobic ($r=0,605$; $P<0,001$), paranoia ($r=0,678$; $P<0,001$), and psychotic symptoms ($r=0,622$; $P<0,001$) of tested females in the postwar BH.

Conclusion: The severity of traumatization of the females who experienced the loss of their husbands during the war 1992.-1995 in Bosnia-Herzegovina significantly positively associated with the level of the somatization, obsessive-compulsive symptoms, sensibility, depressiveness, anxiety, hostility, phobic, paranoia, psychotic symptoms.