

FRANCOIS BOISSIER DE SAUVAGES'S CLASSIFICATION OF MELANCHOLIA

1. DEPRESSED MOOD/ DYSPHORIA

Present, proceed to 2
Absent, stop

Possible Melancholia Anglica
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. LOSS OF DESIRE TO LIVE/ SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

Absent, proceed to 3
Present, proceed to 8

Possible Melancholia Attonita
Possible Melancholia Anglica

3. MOTOR RETARDATION/ RETARDED THINKING/ STUPOR

Absent, proceed to 4
Present, proceed to 10

Possible Vagabond Melancholia
Possible Melancholia Attonita

4. AGITATION/ MOTOR RESTLESSNESS

Absent, proceed to 5
Present, proceed to 12

Possible Imaginary Melancholia
Possible Vagabond Melancholia

5. HYPOCHONDRIASIS

Absent, proceed to 6
Present, proceed to 14

Possible Sorrowful Melancholia
Possible Imaginary Melancholia

6. DISPLEASURE/ FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS/ FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS

Absent, proceed to 7
Present, proceed to 16

Probable Ordinary Melancholia
Possible Sorrowful
Melancholia

7. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

ORDINARY MELANCHOLIA

8. IMAGINARY MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/ MELANCHOLIA ATTONITA SYNDROME/ SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/ VAGABOND MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 9
Present, proceed to 17

Probable Melancholia Anglica
Probable Mixed Melancholia

9. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA ANGLICA

10. IMAGINARY MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/
MELANCHOLIA ANGLICA SYNDROME/
SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/
VAGABOND MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 11
Present, proceed to 17

Probable Melancholia Attonita
Probable Mixed Melancholia

11. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA ATTONITA

12. IMAGINARY MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/
MELANCHOLIA ANGLICA SYNDROME/
MELANCHOLIA ATTONITA SYNDROME/
SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 13
Present, proceed to 17
Melancholia

Probable Vagabond Melancholia
Probable Mixed

13. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
VAGABOND MELANCHOLIA

14. MELANCHOLIA ANGLICA SYNDROME/

MELANCHOLIA ATTONITA SYNDROME/
SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/
VAGABOND MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 15	Probable Imaginary Melancholia
Present, proceed to 17	Probable Mixed Melancholia

15. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	IMAGINARY MELANCHOLIA

16. IMAGINARY MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME/
MELANCHOLIA ANGLICA SYNDROME/
MELANCHOLIA ATTONITA SYNDROME/
VAGABOND MELANCHOLIA SYNDROME

Present, proceed to 17	Probable Mixed Melancholia
Absent, proceed to 18	Probable Sorrowful Melancholia

17. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	MIXED MELANCHOLIA

18. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA

It consists of a total number of 47 digits, based on 20 codes included in 18 variables organized into 18 decision clusters, yielding to 7 diagnoses.

It is based on Francois Boissier de Sauvages de la Croix's book *Nosologia Methodica Sitems Morborum Classes, Genera et Species, Juxta Sydenhami Mentem et Botanicorum Ordinem*, published in 1763 -- with consideration of his book on *Nouvelles Classes des Maladies Dans un Ordre Semblance a Celui, Comprenant les Genres et les Especes*, published in 1732 -- in which melancholia is perceived as a disturbance of intellectual life and divided into six forms: melancholia Anglica, melancholia Attonita, vagabond melancholia, imaginary melancholia, sorrowful melancholia and ordinary melancholia.

In revised CODE-DD there is also a mixed form of melancholia. Melancholia Anglica is characterized by depressed mood (dysphoria) with loss of desire to live (suicidal tendencies);

melancholia Attonita by depressed mood (dysphoria) with motor retardation (retarded thinking, or stupor); vagabond melancholia by depressed mood (dysphoria) with agitation (motor restlessness); imaginary melancholia by depressed mood with hypochondriasis; sorrowful melancholia by depressed mood (dysphoria) with displeasure (feeling of helplessness, or feeling of hopelessness); and ordinary melancholia by depressed mood (dysphoria).

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