

## **Adolescents' Depressed Symptoms**

**(A comparative study between adolescents with Diabetes (Type 1) and those who are not in Damascus City)**

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### **Abstract**

The main goals of this research was to study the differences between depressed adolescents who suffer from diabetes (type 1) and their depressed peers who don't suffer from any chronic disease in severity of depressed symptoms, in addition, it studied the difference in severity of depression degree of the diabetic sample according to sex and age variables.

This study was conducted on intentional sample in age group (13-18) years, the sample was (80) adolescents (40) diabetic and(40) do not have any chronic disease.

To measure the depression symptoms we selected the Arabian measurement for children depression, and this tool has good standard characteristics according to the study of both Abde -Khalek and Rdownen in Syria (1999), and in this research we measure standard characteristics to this tool, and we found that it had good reliable and high constant, the Alfa coefficient was (0.909)

**as for the results of this study:**

- 1- There are statistical differences between the two samples in the severity of depressed symptoms, in favour of the diabetic sample.
- 2- There are statistical differences of severity of depressed symptoms in the diabetic sample according to sex variable, in favour of the female sample.
- 3- There are no statistical differences of severity of depressed symptoms in the diabetic sample according to age variable.

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