



A study of Prevalence of Insomnia in Young Adults

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Abstract

In nations of the Western world, those who suffer from insomnia are more likely to have daytime impairments in their functioning, as well as both medical and mental diseases. On the other hand, there is a paucity of data about insomnia in Asian countries. Insomnia is a common problem among the general population in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR), which is the focus of this research.

Introduction

There have been over fifty epidemiological studies conducted in the last two decades that describe the incidence of insomnia in a variety of nations. There are a variety of different prevalence numbers available for those nations due to the various ways in which insomnia was examined. The prevalence of insomnia is estimated to be approximately thirty percent when analysed using binary questions (response of yes or no). Insomnia may be measured on a frequency scale, and the percentage of people who have symptoms of insomnia at least three times each week is close to twenty percent. Approximately 12 percent of the populations that were evaluated had symptoms of insomnia accompanied with daytime consequences such as weariness, daytime drowsiness, or mood abnormalities as a result of their insomnia. The diagnosis of insomnia was found to be prevalent in around 6 percent of the populations that were investigated.

Although little research has been done on insomnia in Asian nations, epidemiological studies have been carried out throughout the region. An early one was done in Singapore, and the results showed that the prevalence of insomnia ranged from 12.9 percent in males to 17.5 percent in women between the ages of 15 and 55. In second research, which was carried out in Japan, the participants included 3,600 women who were at least 20 years old. According to the findings of the survey, 11.2 percent of people suffer from insomnia. According to the findings of a research conducted on 1034 senior people residing in Hong Kong who were at least 70 years old, the prevalence of insomnia was found to be 8.6 percent among males and 17.5



percent among women. Also, small research conducted in Japan with 236 people who were at least 60 years old found that the prevalence of insomnia occurring at least three nights per week ranged from 14.0 percent for males to 19.7 percent for women. The study was conducted in Japan. According to the findings of another research conducted in Japan and included 3030 members of the general population aged 20 or older, the prevalence of insomnia symptoms in the previous month was found to be 21.4 percent. This report's objectives are to (1) record the prevalence of insomnia in the general population residing in the Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) and (2) determine the variables that are linked with the symptomatology of insomnia. Insomnia, “obstructive sleep pane (OSA), and restless legs syndrome (RLS)/periodic leg movements during sleep (PLMS) are all sleep disorders that affect adults and are associated with a decrease in quality of life, an increase in mortality, and a hefty price tag for the healthcare system and the rest of society. These sleep disorders occur often in Western countries, and their incidence may be on the rise due to subtle alterations in Western lifestyles. Obesity levels have increased by a factor of three in men and a factor of two in women over the past 30 years, which has a direct influence on the occurrence of sleep disorders including obstructive sleep pane (OSA). An increase in shift work, increased reliance on electronic devices, and the emergence of a 24-hour civilization may all contribute to an increase in the prevalence of insomnia in modern society. While there is a plethora of literature on the topic of sleep disorders in people of middle age and beyond, literature on this topic is noticeably lacking for young adults. No studies that we are aware of have looked at the overall prevalence of common sleep problems in young individuals.

Nonetheless, in a small number of studies with participants of varying ages, researchers have reported age-specific prevalence's for a variety of sleep problems among young individuals. This data includes prevalence rates for RLS diagnosed using DSM-IV and modified DSM-V criteria, as well as prevalence rates for insomnia diagnosed using the same criteria. However, there are no survey or polysomnographic (PSG) estimations of the co-occurrence of widespread sleep disorders, and no population-level prevalence statistics on OSA or PLMS in young individuals. These deficiencies remain despite the fact that early adulthood is pivotal for laying the groundwork for lifelong healthful practises. Safety, productivity, economic burden, intellectual development, quality of life, and better health are just few of the potential outcomes that might result from the early discovery of sleep disturbances in young people and the subsequent implementation of treatment measures. If sleep abnormalities could be diagnosed, people would be able to reap these long-term advantages.



This study recruited a nationally representative sample of young adults residing in the Delhi NCR to investigate the incidence of four prevalent sleep disorders in this age group: obstructive sleep apnea, insomnia, restless legs syndrome, and PLMS. Since gender is a major factor in determining whether or not an individual develops a sleep problem, this article also offers a breakdown of the prevalence rates that are specific to each gender. Given the secular changes in Western living over the past few decades, we expected these prevalence's to be substantial.

Material and Methods

Objectives: The “purpose of this study is to collect data from corporate employees to better understand the nature and scope of insomnia, the prevalence of comorbid medical disorders, the role of personal habits, and the impact of insomnia on day-to-day operations. Observational cross-sectional research was carried out in the general population of the Delhi-National Capital Region.

Participants: One hundred general public from Delhi NCR who were 18 years or above and working approximately 8 hours a day were taken for this study.

Measurements and Results: In order to evaluate different aspects of the participants, we employed the participant reported outcome and the insomnia symptom questionnaire.

Questionnaires

The questionnaire captured general information of the participants such as demography, anthropometric measurements, marital status, and education. It included questions to document the daily average working hours, any current medical condition(s) (as diagnosed by their physician), personal habits (alcohol consumption, its type and quantity; smoking status, its frequency and duration; and daily tea/ coffee consumption) and the impact of insufficient sleep on day-to-day” activities.

Hypothesis

H1 : There is no significant impact age over insomnia

H2 : There is no significant impact of gender over insomnia

Review of literature



(Ellis et al. 2012) studied “The natural history of insomnia: Focus on prevalence and incidence of acute insomnia” There are no published estimates of the frequency and incidence of acute insomnia, nor are there statistics about the transition to chronic insomnia or remission. This is true despite the fact that acute insomnia has been recognised as a separate nosological entity ever since 1979/1980 (ASDC/DSM III-R). Lacking sufficient evidence, we cannot determine (a) how insomnia develops physiologically or (b) when and how treatment should begin. This study aimed to do just that by collecting data from two distinct groups within the same neighbourhood. Samples were collected from both the United States (n = 2861) and the North East of the United Kingdom (n = 1095). Furthermore, a longitudinal survey was conducted with 412 healthy sleepers from the UK population to predict the development, course, and resolution of acute insomnia. This poll also looked at whether the acute sleeplessness was a one-time occurrence, a recurrence, or a sign of some underlying condition. Acute insomnia affected 9.5% of people in the United States but just 7.9% of those elsewhere. (UK). In the United Kingdom, 2.6% of people had acute insomnia for the first time, 3.8% of people experienced acute insomnia on a regular basis, and 1.4% of people experienced acute insomnia in addition to another sleep disorder. One study found that between 31.2% and 36.6% of the UK population suffers from acute insomnia each year.

(Bhattacharya, Sen, and Suri 2013) studied “Epidemiology of insomnia: A review of the Global and Indian scenario” discovered this and Insomnia is a condition that occurs quite often. A study's findings about the prevalence of insomnia are highly dependent on the criteria that were chosen for use in making those findings. It is common knowledge that a number of things, including gender, age, and mental problems, amongst a number of other things, are risk factors for insomnia. The anxiety that comes with living in today's contemporary cities is another contributor to the variables that have led to a rise in the disease's incidence. Insomnia is also associated with a number of co-morbid conditions, each of which may have a substantial influence on the occurrence of the condition.

(Falch-Madsen et al. 2020) studied “Prevalence and stability of insomnia from preschool to early adolescence: a prospective cohort study in Norway” discovered that childhood sleeplessness is connected with poor effects such as emotional, behavioural, and cognitive issues in adults and children alike. Estimates of the disease's prevalence as well as a synopsis of its progression might be helpful to both prevention and treatment efforts. On the other hand, the majority of the earlier research that has been done on this subject in children has looked at symptoms of insomnia that may not have the level of severity, length, intensity, or related



impairment that is necessary for a clinical diagnosis. In addition, practically all of the study has been conducted using questionnaires and checklists, both of which have a number of inherent biases.

(Sivertsen et al. 2021) studied “The Epidemiology of Insomnia and Sleep Duration Across Mental and Physical Health: The Shot Study find out here now Sleep problems, including inadequate or excessive sleep, have been identified as critical transdiagnostic processes affecting a wide range of mental and physical health conditions. Insomnia, or trouble falling or staying asleep, is a common symptom of a wide range of mental disorders. Fewer epidemiological studies have been conducted to investigate the prevalence of insomnia in less common conditions like autism, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), and schizophrenia, despite a large body of research showing a link between lack of sleep and common forms of mental illness seen in adults like anxiety and depression. Although insomnia has been described as a transdiagnostic phenomenon, its incidence varies widely among mental disorders. However, there is a lack of standardised criteria for diagnosing insomnia, which is one of the biggest obstacles in this field. This makes it tough to draw parallels between different research projects and illnesses.

(Morin et al. 2020) studied Incidence, Persistence, and Remission Rates of Insomnia Over Years found out that sleeplessness is a common complaint in clinical practise and a widespread problem in the general population. In addition to the classic night-time symptoms (difficulty falling asleep, trouble staying asleep, or early morning awakenings), this condition can cause significant pain or impairment in daytime functioning. Sometimes many symptoms like these can show up at once. While insomnia can occur on its own, it is more commonly linked to another health concern, whether physical or mental. Fourth, there is mounting evidence linking chronic insomnia to long-term negative effects, notwithstanding the lack of understanding around the pathophysiologic characteristics of this condition. Long-term negative effects include psychological (like depression), occupational (like absenteeism), and medical morbidity (like hypertension)11-14, and even a shorter life expectancy. There is a dearth of information about the long-term course of insomnia (15 years or more), including its onset, duration, remission, and moderating variables.

(Buysse et al. 2008) studied Prevalence, Course, and Comorbidity of Insomnia and Depression in Young Adults Insomnia is associated with a number of risk factors, including medical conditions, female sex, and advancing age. However, depression and its accompanying symptoms are the most significant and constant risk factors for sleeplessness. Insomnia,



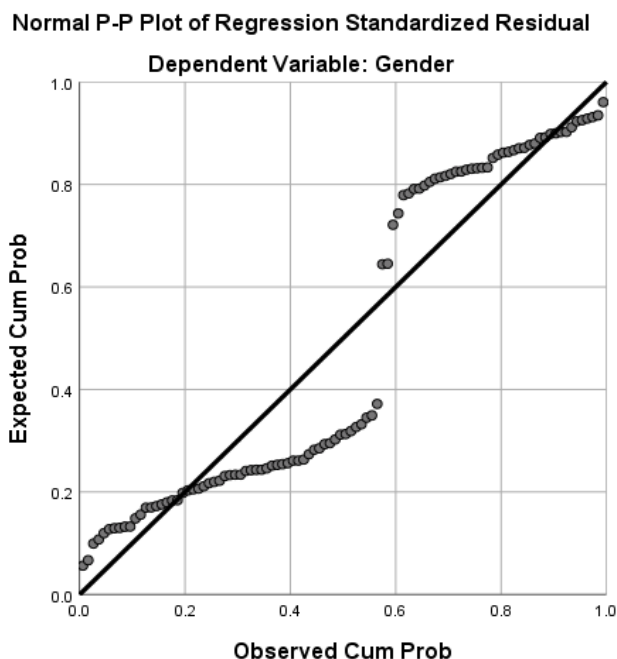
however, is a common symptom of depression and is frequently seen as a precursor to depression. However, only a small number of research have analysed prospective longitudinal data from populations that are really typical of the general population; a review of these studies was just published.

(McArdle et al. 2020) studied The prevalence of common sleep disorders in young adults: a descriptive population-based study have discovered that persons who have problems sleeping are at a higher risk for negative health outcomes, including a worse quality of life and an increased risk of mortality. However, data on the frequency of sleep problems in young people is scarce. The incidence of common sleep problems was investigated in cross-sectional observational research of 1,227 young people who took part in the Western Australian Pregnancy (Raine) Study between 2012 and 2014. For this study, researchers used both traditional survey techniques and polysomnography (PSG) performed in a laboratory setting to analyse sleep habits. Several other sleepiness scales were utilised in these surveys, including the Pittsburgh Sleep Symptom Questionnaire-Insomnia, the Epworth Sleepiness Scale, and the International Restless Legs Syndrome Study Group criteria. In all, 1,146 participants filled out the primary survey, 1,051 completed the sleep survey, and 935 had relevant polysomnographic (PSG) data. Nearly 25% of women and 20% of men (n = 836) who participated in all sleep-related tests reported experiencing at least one sleep disturbance. Sleep problems are common among teenagers and young adults. Due to the importance of early identification and treatment, health care practitioners should be aware of these alarmingly high incidence” rates. Treatment can enhance patients' “quality of life and reduce their risk of complications.

Data Analysis and Results

Table 1

ANOVAa						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	2.086	8	0.261	1.058	.000b
	Residual	22.424	91	0.246		
	Total	24.510	99			
a. Dependent Variable: Gender						



When we perform a one-way ANOVA for a single study, you obtain a single” F-value. A distribution of F-values may be plotted by drawing many random samples from the same population and running the same one-way ANOVA on each. It is called a sampling distribution because it is used to sample data.

The likelihood we're after is the chance of coming into an F-statistic at least as large as the one our study produced. Using this probability, we may estimate the frequency with which our F-value occurs if the null hypothesis is correct. Our results will be incongruent with the null hypothesis if the likelihood is small enough. We can confidently reject the null hypothesis for the full population based on the evidence in the sample data. We may infer that there is a statistically significant influence of gender over insomnia since the observed value of p is .000, which is much lower than the crucial threshold (for example, =.05). The correlation between gender and occupation yields a t-value of 0.728 and a p-value of 0.468.

Table 2

ANOVAa						
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	3.500	8	0.438	0.610	.002b
	Residual	65.260	91	0.717		



Total	68.760	99			
a. Dependent Variable: Age (years old)					



The observed value of p is .002 which is quite low than the critical value (e.g. $\alpha = .05$)
 So we can reject the null hypothesis of the ANOVA and conclude that there is a statistically significant impact of Age over insomnia.

Discussion

In the correlation between gender and job profile, the t value comes to be 0.728 and corresponding p value is 0.468

Table 3

Coefficients						
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	3.126	0.657		4.758	0.000
	Education level	-0.109	0.079	-0.143	-1.375	0.173
	Living situation	-0.035	0.107	-0.035	-0.329	0.743
	Job Profile	-0.127	0.080	-0.172	-1.603	0.113
	Working Schedule	-0.036	0.068	-0.060	-0.538	0.592



Alcohol abuse	-0.148	0.176	-0.087	-0.840	0.002
Health issues like BP, Diabetes etc.	0.011	0.180	0.006	0.060	0.952
Satisfaction with social life	-0.047	0.181	-0.029	-0.262	0.794
Sleep duration	0.032	0.067	0.050	0.470	0.003
a. Dependent Variable: Age (years old)					

Insomnia increases with age, as indicated in Table 3. Insomnia was more strongly linked to alcohol use.

Participants who reported sleeplessness also consumed much more. Infrequent or social drinkers were less likely to have sleep problems. Insomnia, however, is also heavily influenced by the individuals' work hours. Insomnia sufferers showed a statistically significant ($p=0.003$) correlation between their daily sleeping habits. The majority of those who reported having insomnia said that their sleeplessness had an impact on their health, productivity at work, ability to take care of their families and friends, and other aspects of their everyday lives. Insomnia sufferers were more likely to report negative effects of sleep deprivation on their lives and health than those who did not suffer from insomnia.



Table 4

Co-efficientsa						
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	0.815	0.385		2.116	0.037
	Education level	0.081	0.046	0.177	1.737	0.086
	Living situation	0.027	0.063	0.045	0.431	0.667
	Job Profile	0.034	0.047	0.077	0.728	0.468
	Working Schedule	0.018	0.040	0.049	0.451	0.653
	Alcohol abuse	0.184	0.103	0.181	1.783	0.002
	Health issues like BP, Diabetes etc.	-0.089	0.106	-0.088	-0.843	0.401
	Satisfaction with social life	0.100	0.106	0.101	0.938	0.351
	Sleep duration	-0.022	0.039	-0.057	-0.547	0.004

a. Dependent Variable: Gender

Insomnia has been linked to gender in Table 4. Having a few drinks per night was found to increase the odds of having trouble sleeping ($p = 0.002$).

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Conclusion

All the symptoms of insomnia were demonstrated to be linked to having a pessimistic outlook on one's health. These results are in line with previous studies, which focused primarily on senior samples, and revealed that a low assessment of one's own health is associated with insomnia symptoms. This study's findings highlight the widespread problem of unrecognised sleeplessness among India's daytime corporate workforce. Although it affects one in three people, insomnia is underdiagnosed in the general population. The negative effects of insomnia on a person's mental, physical, and social well-being are substantial. Conditions including



anxiety, sadness, and high blood pressure often coexist with insomnia. Risk factors for insomnia need to be further evaluated, and strategies for early identification and treatment developed, in studies involving bigger populations.

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