

RE: [Rorschach\_List] Best Depression Variables for Research  
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Adam,

Are you interested in real depression or DSM-IV depression? The DEPI doesn't correlate very well with the DSM-IV kind, but neither does the D scale on the MMPI. The DEPI on the Rorschach, when significant, is a sign that the individual feels bad about their life situation. Or that they are having a difficult time managing the emotional pain of life. DSM-IV depression means something different. Anybody doing research on "depression" must decide what they mean by the term. I wish the DEPI was called something else-- then people would be less inclined to confuse it with the DSM-IV label.

Barry