Manic State Rating Scale (MSRS)


Rating Clinician-rated
Administration time 15 minutes
Main purpose To assess severity of manic symptoms
Population Adults

Commentary
The MSRS (also referred to as the Beigel scale) is a 26-item clinician-administered scale developed to assess severity of symptoms of mania. Relying upon observation of the patient rather than patient report, the MSRS is useful in situations where conducting an interview is difficult. However, the scale does not possess any anchor points, which may result in decreased inter-rater reliability, and is not widely used in clinical settings at the present time.

Scoring
Items are rated on a frequency (0–5 scale, range 0–130) and severity scale (1–5 scale, range 26–130), with higher scores indicating greater severity of manic symptoms.

Versions
A 28-item version (the Modified Manic State, Blackburn et al. 1977) is also available.

Additional references

Address for correspondence
None available. The scale is in the public domain.

The Manic State Rating Scale

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<th>Part A Frequency (How much of the time?)</th>
<th>Part B Intensity (How intense is it?)</th>
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<td>None Infrequent Some Much Most All</td>
<td>Very minimal Minimal Moderate Marked Very marked</td>
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<td>0 1 2 3 4 5</td>
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1. Looks depressed
2. Is talking
3. Moves from one place to another
4. Makes threats
5. Has poor judgement
6. Dresses inappropriately
7. Looks happy and cheerful
8. Seeks out others
9. Is distractible
10. Has grandiose ideas
11. Is irritable
12. Is combative or destructive
13. Is delusional
14. Verbalizes depressive feelings
15. Is active
16. Is argumentative
17. Talks about sex
18. Is angry
19. Is careless about dress and grooming
20. Has diminished impulse control
21. Verbalizes feelings of well-being
22. Is suspicious
23. Makes unrealistic plans
24. Demands contact with others
25. Is sexually preoccupied
26. Jumps from one subject to another