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Attempted altruistic infanticide in a context of psychotic decompensation induced by stress psychotic decompensation induced by psychotic decompensation induced by stress

The mediatization of the COVID-19 pandemic has created a lot of stress leading sometimes to mental health issues. We present a case of a thirty-year-old woman with no history of psychotic disease but some vulnerabilities and no criminal record, who attempted to kill her seven-year-old son during a brief delusional episode in the context of fear of the coronavirus. She was successfully treated by pharmacotherapy and psychotherapy. She was examined by forensic psychiatrists leading to the conclusion that her responsibility was highly diminished, and her reoffending risk was low. We add to the literature that the COVID-19 pandemic has been such a stressor for mentally vulnerable people that it could lead to severe psychiatric decompensation and even criminal acts.

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Biography:

Camille Jantzi and Alexandre Perrin contributed equally to the initial expertise. Alexandre Perrin did the bibliography research and Camille Jantzi wrote the article. The patient presented with an acute psychotic disorder in a stressful context. **Nevertheless**, the COVID-19 pandemic is a stressful situation for many people but not everyone will **suffer from a psychotic decompensation**. According to the stress-vulnerability model of Zubin and Spring [9], people suffering from mental illnesses would present different kind of **vulnerabilities**, innate or acquired (genetic, environmental, traumatic, etc.) and with various intensities

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