

Conclusions: For the first time, the current study investigated the structural alterations of CT and subcortical GMV in non-comorbid never-treated patients with SAD. Our findings provide preliminary evidences that structural deficits in cortical-striatal-limbic circuit may contribute to the psychopathological basis of SAD, and offer more detailed structural substrates for the involvement of such aberrant circuit in the imbalance between defective bottom-up response and top-down control to external stimuli in SAD.

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Lurasidone in treatment of manic episode

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Introduction: Lurasidone is an atypical antipsychotic used in the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar depression. Both indications are approved by the FDA nowadays, whereas in Europe it is only approved for schizophrenia. Lurasidone has been barely studied for the treatment of acute mania, nonetheless it is sometimes used off-label.

Objectives: A case of a patient with a manic episode treated with lurasidone is presented, in order to provide further evidence on this topic.

Methods: The patient is a 43 year-old-woman with diagnosis of type I bipolar disorder, personality disorder and borderline intellectual functioning, resident in our Hospital's long-stay psychiatric rehabilitation unit. She was previously under treatment with venlafaxine 75 mg/day, valproate 1500 mg/day and levomepromazine 25 mg on demand; remaining stable for months. The patient presented an episode consisting on agitation, irritability, verbiage, tachyphase, verbal aggressiveness and behavioral disturbances. Physical restraint was needed for one day long and zuclopenthixol acetate 50 mg IM was administered twice within 5 days for the acute agitation. Venlafaxine was immediately withdrawn and lurasidone was progressively introduced up to 111 mg daily.

Results: Approximately 3 weeks after the treatment adjustment, the patient reached the psychopathological stability.

Conclusions: Antidepressive withdrawal and introduction of Lurasidone were effective to treat the acute manic episode in this patient. It has been previously suggested that lurasidone caused improvement in emergent manic symptoms in patients with bipolar depression, and in subsyndromal hypomanic symptoms in patients with mixed features of depression. However, no studies have been made yet to evaluate the efficacy of lurasidone in acute mania.

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Orexins and bipolar disorder: A review

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Introduction: Bipolar disorder (BD) is a chronic deteriorating illness which has a strong impact on functionality. In the past few years, orexins have gained importance as possible biomarkers of circadian rhythms, affected in BD. Up to this date, we have not found any bibliographical review evaluating the association of orexins and BD.

Objectives: To review published literature in relation to the association of orexins and BD.

Methods: A bibliographical search was conducted in PubMed. Inclusion criteria were a) the study evaluated orexins in plasma or cerebrospinal fluid, and b) patients with BD were included within the subjects of study.

Reference lists of the articles that met inclusion criteria were also examined.

Results: Ten articles were retrieved from the initial search. Only three met inclusion criteria and another one was selected from the reference list examination. One study observed significantly higher levels of orexin A in plasma of BD patients versus depression and controls. Other found higher concentration of orexin A of unipolar and bipolar depression versus controls, but this result was not statistically significant. Another one did not find differences in orexin A concentration between mania, depression and controls. The remaining study detected significantly lower concentration of orexin A in BD versus depression, schizophrenia and controls.

Conclusions: Despite being heterogenous, the results point out there are differences in orexin levels in BD when compared to other diagnostic groups or controls. This sets a starting point to focus research on this subject and continue analyzing the role of orexins as biomarkers in BD.

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Role of DSM5 Anxious Distress Specifier Interview in symptoms severity and medication adherence in 1st episode mania

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Introduction: -Anxious Distress Specifier is one of the newly added specifier in diagnosis and management of bipolar disorder. This unique item may play a role in not only the symptoms severity

but also the degree of adherence to the psychotropics. -DSM5 Anxious distress specifier is not well studied in the 1st manic episode of bipolar disorder.

Objectives: 1-To study the role of DSM5 Anxious Distress Specifier in the symptoms severity of 1st diagnosed manic episode 2-To investigate its role in medication adherence in these patients

Methods: 1-DSM 5 Anxious distress specifier interview which includes 5 items : a- Keyed up or tense b-Restlessness c-Impaired concentration. d-Sense of foreboding e-Loss of control 2-The Young Mania Rating Scale (YMRS) is one of the most frequently utilized rating scales to assess manic symptoms. The scale has 11 items and is based on the patient's subjective report of his or her clinical condition 3-Drug Attitude Inventory:consists of a questionnaire that is completed by the patient, pertaining to various aspects of the patient's perceptions and experiences of treatment.

Results: 1-There is a positive correlation between the mean score of Young mania Rating scale in 1st episode manic patients and the mean score of DSM5 Anxious Distress specifier Interview 2-The presence of high score of DSM5 Anxious Distress Specifier Interview is positively correlated to the mean score of Drug Attitude Inventory during the follow up visits after controlling the 1st episode mania

Conclusions: The presence of high levels of Anxious Distress in the 1st episode mania affected the symptoms severity and medication adherence

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The Role of Base Excision Repair in Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Disorder

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Introduction: In vivo and in vitro studies suggest that inflammation and oxidative damage may contribute to the pathogenesis of major depressive disorder (MDD) and bipolar disorder (BD). Imbalance between DNA damage and repair is an emerging research area examining pathophysiological mechanisms of these major mood disorders.

Objectives: This systematic review sought to examine current evidence on the association between mood disorders and deficits in base excision repair (BER), the primary repair mechanism for repair of oxidation-induced DNA lesions.

Methods: We conducted a comprehensive literature search of Ovid MEDLINE® Epub Ahead of Print, Ovid MEDLINE® In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE® Daily, EMBASE (1947), and PsycINFO for studies investigating the alterations in base excision repair in patients with MDD or BD.

Results: A total of 1,364 records were identified. 1,352 records remained after duplicates were removed. 24 records were selected for full-text screening and a remaining 12 articles were included in the qualitative synthesis. SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms) of several BER genes have been shown to be associated with MDD and BD. However, it was difficult to draw conclusions from BER gene expression studies due to conflicting findings and the small number of studies.

Conclusions: Future studies comparing DNA repair during the manic or depressive episode to remission will give us a better insight regarding the role of DNA repair in mood disorders. These alterations might be utilized as diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers as well as measuring treatment response.

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Lithium placental passage at delivery: an observational study

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Introduction: Lithium is used as a first-line treatment for bipolar disorder during perinatal period. Dosing of lithium can be challenging as a result of pharmacokinetic changes in renal physiology. Frequent monitoring of lithium blood levels during pregnancy is recommended in order remain within the therapeutic window (0.5 to 1.2 mEq/L). Lower neonatal lithium blood level (<0.64 mEq/L) at time of delivery reduces the risk of lithium side effects in the neonate.

Objectives: The aim of the present study was to quantify the rate of lithium placental passage in real word.

Methods: We included a total of 68 mother-infant pairs for which a lithium measurement was performed intrapartum. Lithium serum concentrations were determined by means of an AVL 9180 electrolyte analyzer. The limit of quantification (LoQ) was 0.20 mEq/L and detection limit was 0.10 mEq/L. Pearson analyse was performed to assess the correlation between mother and umbilical cord lithium serum concentrations.

Results: The mean of umbilical cord serum concentration at delivery was 0.57 mEq/L (SD=0.26, range 0.20-1.42). The mean infant-mother lithium ratio at delivery for the 68 pairs was 1.12 (SD=0.24) across a wide range of maternal concentrations (range 0.14-1.40 mEq/L). There was a strong positive correlation between maternal and umbilical cord lithium blood levels (Pearson correlation coefficient 0.948, p<0.001).