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EMOTIONAL INCONTINENCE OR BIPOLAR DISORDER? ABOUT A CASE REPORT

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Introduction: Post-stroke emotional incontinence and bipolar disorder are two disorders that involve the dysfunction of brain structures responsible of emotional regulation.

The objective of this work is to study the links between these disorders through a clinical case.

Case report: It was a 43 year old patient who consulted for an emotional incontinence appeared after an ischemic stroke with lenticulocapsular and right semioval center lesions. Treatment with antidepressant was marked by the appearance of hypomania.

Discussion and conclusion: The appearance of a pharmacologically induced hypomania in this patient could suggest a link between emotional incontinence and bipolar disorder.

Especially that periventricular areas and deep subcortical structures, involved in emotional regulation, are affected in these disorders.

More attentiveness against antidepressant treatment is required, because of the potential risk of a pharmacological hypomania.