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"TARDIVE DYSKINESIA INDUCED BY QUETIAPINE AND CONFIRMED BY A DAT-SCAN" E.N. Rizos¹, S. Chatziioannou², M. Kallergi³, A. Douzenis¹, A. Apostolopoulos¹, S. Bacalis², V. Kontaxakis¹, L. Lykouras⁴

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Methods/results: We report a case with paranoid schizophrenia and tardive dyskinesia symptoms. A first trial with quetiapine improved TD symptoms while an increase of its dose after a relapse of the underlying disease deteriorated the TD symptoms. Following that, sertindole was initiated which led to improvement of both psychotic and TD symptoms. A DAT scan showed physiologic distribution in the basal ganglia. Six months later after a serious cardiac syncope, sertindole was discontinued. Quetiapine was then started which led again to TD symptoms. A second DAT scan showed decreased dopamine transporter uptake in the area of basal ganglia.

Conclusion: We conclude that decreased dopamine transporter uptake seemed to associate with the deterioration of TD.