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SUICIDE IN FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA

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Introduction: Behavioral and personality changes are the core symptoms of frontotemporal dementia. Suicide and suicide attempts have been reported in demented patients.

Clinical case: We present a case of an 80 years-old-male patient, with a suicide attempt at the age of 76 as the presentation symptom of FTD.

Clincal study: There are few studies of suicide or selfharm in frontotemporal dementia where such behavior might be expected to be more common. We are conducting a clinical study in FTD patients about the relation between FTD and suicide. The results of such study will be presented and discussed.

Discussion: To our knowledge, there are no reliable data or reports about suicide in FTD patients. Also, we didn't find any case report of a suicide attempt as the first presentation symptom of FTD. We discuss the known data about this issue considering our clinical study and report.