

MONITORING METABOLIC SYNDROME IN OLANZAPINE-TREATED PATIENTS

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Background and Importance

Neuropsychiatric disorders are associated with significant reduction in life expectancy and increased

Olanzapine, can exacerbate the development of metabolic síndrome (MS), especially at the beggining of treatment.

Aim and Objectives



To study the association between olanzapine use and the development of metabolic alterations (MA) and to investigate the prescription of specific treatments for MS in patients who develop it.

Materials and Methods





Adult patients admitted to the psychiatric hospital unit and prescribed oral olanzapine



Start of treatment – end observation period: January 2023 - April 2023

The collected variables from medical record were:

✓ Sex, Age, Risk factors (smoking and substance abuse) and Body Mass Index (BMI)

It was recorded whether there was:

 An initial blood test and a follow-up test conducted between 2-12 months after the start of treatment.

The following parameters were collected:

- Cholesterol
- ✓ Triglycerides
- ✓ High-densitylipoprotein (HDL)
- ✓ Low-density lipoprotein (LDL)

✓ Blood glucose.

Results

N = 42

✓ 57% were women

- ✓ Mean age (±SD): 40±15.5 years
- ✓ Substance use in 19.05%

INITIAL BLOOD TEST: 45%

None of them with hyperglycemia

✓ Lipid abnormalities (LA): **31,6%**

FOLLOW-UP BLOOD TEST: 54,8%

None of them with hyperglycemia

✓ Lipid abnormalities (LA): **52,17%**

- ✓ Tobacco use in 16.6%
- ✓ BMI was 24.5±5 kg/m².

(hypertriglyceridemia in 50%)



Conclusion and Relevance

A substantial percentage of patients were not monitored for the potential development of MS associated with olanzapine use.

There was an observed increase in LA, possibly linked to olanzapine use.

The study highlights the need to raise awareness among healthcare professionals about the importance of monitoring MS in these patients.

Lipid-lowering medication use was limited when LA were present.



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