

Methods: The neuropsychiatry service receives referrals through the Patient Information Profile Explorer system which is accessed through the Beaumont Hospital online portal. In the event of an urgent referral, neurology or neurosurgery teams can contact the neuropsychiatry service directly by phone. Referrals are logged on the team referral log book, and details of the referral are recorded along with diagnosis and management. Data was collected retrospectively from the PIPE and log book to measure the rates and reasons for referrals over a one year period. Rates and details of referrals were initially recorded between July-December 2022. An educational intervention was provided where psychoeducation was provided to junior hospital doctors during protected teaching times and further education was provided over the phone when referrals were discussed between team members. Rates and details of referrals were then recorded between January-July 2023.

Results: There was a reduction in referrals when comparing the two six month periods. There were 115 neuropsychiatry referrals from July to December 2022 and 78 referrals from January to July 2023. Rates of delirium referrals also reduced from 31% to 25% after psychoeducation was provided to junior doctors.

Conclusions: This audit highlights the importance of communication and education for medical and surgical trainees in the management of delirium. There is a high rate of turnover of junior doctors throughout the year in Beaumont Hospital. For this reason, it is imperative that continued education is provided to allow them to follow the delirium protocol independently before seeking tertiary service assistance. Ultimately, early and rapid intervention of delirium can have a positive impact on patient care and prognosis

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The risk of antidepressant-induced hyponatremia: A meta-analysis of antidepressant classes and compounds

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Introduction: Hyponatremia (hypoNa) is a potentially serious adverse event of treatment with antidepressants. Previous research suggests that risk of drug-induced hyponatremia differs between antidepressants.

Objectives: This meta-analysis sought to determine the risk of antidepressant-induced hypoNa, stratified by different compounds and classes.

Methods: PubMed and Web of Science were searched for studies reporting on incidence or risk of hypoNa in adults using antidepressants (PROSPERO, CRD42021269801). We modelled random-effects meta-analyses to compute overall incidence and risk of any and clinically relevant hypoNa for each compound and class, and ran head-to-head comparisons based on hypoNa incidences. We conducted subgroup analyses for geriatric populations, study context and sodium cut-off value.

Results: Thirty-nine studies (n = 8,459,033) revealed that exposure to antidepressants was associated with significantly increased odds of hypoNa (OR = 2.82 (1.79 – 4.45)). The highest event rates were

found for SNRIs (7.17%), SSRIs (5.20%), and TCAs (2.26%); the lowest for mirtazapine (1.02%) and trazodone (0.89%). The highest odds ratios were found for MAOIs (4.12 (1.92 – 8.86)), SNRIs (3.16 (1.77 – 5.67)), and SSRIs (2.78 (1.57 – 4.91)); the lowest for mirtazapine (2.82 (1.87 – 4.21)) and TCAs (1.85 (1.28 – 2.69)). Compared to SSRIs, SNRIs were significantly more likely (OR = 1.27 (1.13 – 1.42), p < 0.001) and mirtazapine significantly less likely (OR = 0.61 (0.39 – 0.96), p = 0.032) associated with hypoNa.

Conclusions: Our meta-analysis demonstrated that, while no antidepressant can be considered completely risk-free, for hypoNa-prone patients mirtazapine should be considered the treatment of choice and SNRIs should be prescribed more cautiously than SSRIs and TCAs.

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Impact of Antidepressant Treatment on Fibronectin Levels in Patients with Depression and Chronic Heart Failure

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Introduction: Inflammation has emerged as a critical factor in the pathophysiology of both depression and chronic heart failure (HF). Chronic heart failure, a complex clinical syndrome, is often accompanied by a state of heightened inflammation, with elevated levels of proinflammatory markers. Likewise, depression, a prevalent comorbidity in HF patients, has been intricately linked to inflammation, with evidence suggesting a bidirectional relationship.

Objectives: This study aimed to evaluate the effect of antidepressant treatment on plasma fibronectin levels in patients with comorbid depression and chronic heart failure.

Methods: We enrolled a total of 113 patients with HF, all of whom had comorbid depression. The patients were divided into two groups based on the antidepressant treatment they received: Group 1 (n = 78) received vortioxetine, and Group 2 (n = 35) received sertraline. Before initiating treatment and after 6 months, we measured fibronectin levels in the patients' plasma.

Results: The study revealed a significant difference in the effects of the two antidepressants on fibronectin levels. Patients treated with vortioxetine demonstrated a substantial reduction in fibronectin levels post-treatment, with an approximate threefold decrease compared to the pre-treatment levels (pre-treatment value ± standard deviation) µg/ml to (post-treatment value ± standard deviation) µg/ml, (p < 0.05). Conversely, patients treated with sertraline experienced a comparatively lesser reduction in fibronectin levels, with a change from (pre-treatment value ± standard deviation) µg/ml to (post-treatment value ± standard deviation) µg/ml (p < 0.05).

Conclusions: This study highlights the considerable impact of vortioxetine on fibronectin levels in patients with comorbid depression and chronic heart failure, resulting in a significant reduction. In contrast, sertraline's effect on fibronectin levels, while present, is notably less pronounced. The study emphasizes the potential