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LATENCY PERIOD BETWEEN TBI AND THE BEGINNING OF PSYCHOSIS

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Aims: Latency period between brain damage and the beginning of the psychotic symptoms is a very controversial remark, when we are trying to sharpen in the etiology of a posttraumatic psychosis.

Methods: Our work is based on a systemic review of the articles published related to TBI and psychosis.

Results and conclusions: The average latency period is between 4 and 5 years, including a wide range of time from days to years. Results may not be very accurate because in some articles any psychotic symptom is included even if there is not a complete psychotic disorder as described in DSM-IV.