

P-248 - A BIPOLAR AFFECTIVE DISORDER PRIOR TO THE UNSET OF A MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: A CASE REPORT

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Introduction: Multiple sclerosis is a chronic neurological disease characterized by a demyelinating process in the central nervous system.

Psychiatric symptoms, and especially mood disorders, occur more frequently in multiple sclerosis than in other chronic diseases.

Objectives: To report the occurrence, type, MRI abnormalities and management of a bipolar affective disorder prior to the onset of multiple sclerosis.

Methods: We report a case of a forty-one-years old man, who developed a manic episode induced by antidepressant treatment, four months before the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.

Results: This case report suggests that bipolar affective disorders may be the initial manifestations of multiple sclerosis.

Conclusion: The awareness of psychiatric manifestations in onset and acute relapse episodes of multiple sclerosis may be helpful for an early diagnosis and for treatment adjustment.