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Effectiveness and tolerability of agomelatine versus mirtazapine in patients with depressive disorder

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Agomelatine is an antidepressant with novel mechanism of action, and is also classified as an atypical antidepressant. It was proven in studies that it was effective for depression, anxiety and sleep. With the above properties, agomelatine had become an antidepressant that attracted researchers. Nevertheless, there were obstacles for researchers to evaluate it. Most of the head-to-head comparison trials were using SSRIs or SNRIs as comparators, but there were few, if any, studies comparing agomelatine with other atypical antidepressants. The clinical role of agomelatine among atypical antidepressants was not clear. This study compared the effectiveness and tolerability between agomelatine and mirtazapine, two atypical antidepressants with similar clinical role but different mechanisms, and identified the factors affecting the pattern of treatment result and therapeutic outcome of agomelatine by using two-year retrospective clinical data from psychiatric hospital at Hong Kong.

Biography

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