

Cortisol level and cognitive changes in major depressed patients : Psychotic versus non-psychotic

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Psychotic depression has been distinguished from non-psychotic depression by its association with poorer premorbid function, longer depressive episodes, less responsive to antidepressants, and worse prognosis. Empirical evidences also suggest that compared with non-psychotic depression, psychotic depression is associated with a higher rate of neurobiological alteration, such as structural brain abnormalities excessive hypothalamic pituitary adrenal axis activity. Also, it is associated with more cognitive deficits.