An Update on the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Research of Mood Disorders

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Major depressive disorders : a major cause of disability

- >10% of the American population suffer from a mood disorder each year
- Depression is one of THE leading causes of disability worldwide, ranking ahead of ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, cancers, infectious diseases, etc.
- An increase in the death rate at any age, independent of suicide, smoking, or other risk factors
- > 44,000 deaths from suicide/yr (cf ~ 18,000 homicides)
- Individuals with major depression sometimes describe an emotional pain much worse than any physical pain that they have experienced

U.S. Burden of Diseases: 291 diseases and injuries Leading Categories of DALYs 2010



Percent of Total U.S. DALYs

US Burden of Disease Collaborators, JAMA, 2013.

Excess deaths in bipolar disorder



Osby eta I. Arch Gen Psych 2001

The McLean-Harvard First-Episode Mania Study: Prediction of Recovery and First Recurrence at 24-Months (N=166)



Tohen, Zarate, Hennen, et al. Am J Psychiatry 2003;160:2099-107









Depressive Disorders

- Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder (<12 Yrs)
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Persistent Depressive Disorder (Dysthymia)
- Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder
- Substance/Medication Induced Depressive Disorder
- Depressive Disorder Due to Another Medical Condition
- Other Specified or Unspecified

Major Depressive Disorder

- A. Five of the 9 SXS of depression with either depressed mood or anhedonia as one of the SXS, for a 2 week period most of the day nearly everyday.
 - Depressed mood
 - Anhedonia
 - □ Weight (5% in one month) or appetite changes
 - Sleep changes
 - Psychomotor changes (observable by others, not just subjective)
 - □ Fatigue or energy loss
 - Worthlessness/inappropriate guilt
 - Diminished ability to concentrate/ think / make decisions
 - □ Recurrent thoughts of death or dying/ suicidality
- ✓ B. Significant distress or impairment in functioning
- ✓ C. Not due to substance or another medical condition
- ✓ D. Not better explained by another psychotic disorder
- ✓ E. There has never been a manic or hypomanic episode

Depression: A Brain and Systemic Medical Illness



Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) & Research Domain Criteria (RDoC)

DSM diagnosis

- Common language for describing psychopathology
- Significant overlap in symptoms across disorders
- Symptoms do not overlap with pathophysiology

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 Focus is on understanding pathophysiology, e.g., neural circuitry, with levels of analysis



AGNOSTIC AND STATISTICA

Defining Depression Circuits *Response Pathways*



Course of Illness

Bipolar Disorder: Course of illness, Comorbidity, Life Impact, Disability, and Neurobiological Insults



Merikangas et al. Arch Gen Psychiatry 2007

Treatment

Depressive Disorders: Treatment Goals



Adapted from WPA/PTD Educational Program on Depressive Disorders

Indications for Formal Psychotherapy as Monotherapy

Psychotherapy only if

- Mild disorder
- Psychotic or melancholic features are absent
- History of chronic psychosocial problems

Antidepressants

SSRIs

- Fluoxetine (Prozac)
- Citalopram (Celexa)
- Fluvoxamine (Luvox)
- Paroxetine (Paxil)
- Sertraline (Zoloft)
- Escitalopram (Lexapro)

SNRIs

- Venlafaxine (Effexor)
- Duloxetine (Cymbalta)

Tricyclics/ Tetracyclics

- Nortriptyline (Pamelor)
- Amitriptyline (Elavil)
- Desipramine (Norpramin)
- Imipramine (Tofranil)
- Doxepin (Sinequan)
- **Protriptyline (Vivactil)**
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)
- Maprotiline
- Clomipramine
- Amoxapine
- Dothiepin

DNRIs

• Bupropion (Wellbutrin)

MAOIs

- Phenelzine (Nardil)
- Tranylcypromine (Parnate)
- Selegiline transd (EMSAM)

Newer

- Vortioxetine (Brintellix)
- VIIazadone (Viibryd)
- Levomilnacipran transd (Fetzima)

All Antidepressants Are Efficacious

- 70 80% efficacy with any marketed antidepressant
- SRI's or Bupropion are excellent first line choices
- TCA's may be superior for some "severe" depressions
- MAO-I's may be preferred for some atypical depressions

Response Rate After Pharmacologic Treatment Of Depression



Diagnostic Challenges: 1. Specific Depressive Subtypes may suggest specific treatment modifications

- A. Depression with anxiety or Anxious Depression (PTSD, Social anxiety disorder, GAD, panic disorder, OCD)
- **B.** Depression with psychotic features
- **C.** Atypical depression
- **D. Depression with substance abuse**
- **E.** Bipolar depression
- F. Depression with personality disorder

Pharmacotherapy of Treatment Resistant Depression: Next Step

- Optimize
- High Dose Therapy
- Switch
- Augment/Co-prescribe
- Neuromodulation (eg., ECT, TMS)
- Psychotherapy

Antidepressant "Augmenters"

- Augmenters with established effectiveness:
 - Lithium carbonate
 - Triiodothyronine
- Co-prescribing strategies:
 - SSRI + TCA
 - Antidepressant + Bupropion
 - Antidepressant + Mirtazapine

- With possible effectiveness
 - Stimulants
 - Dopaminergic agonists
 - Pindolol
 - Buspirone
 - Atypical antipsychotic
- Other proposed augmentations strategies
 - Modafinil (Provigil)
 - Estrogen
 - Testosterone
 - Lamotrigine
 - Folate
 - Dexamethasone
 - Ketoconazole
 - Inositol

Neuromodulation: Devices for Depression



Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)



Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS)



Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)



Transcranial Electrical Stimulation (tES)

Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)

- Developed in 1930s
- FDA- Approved Device in 1979 (grand-fathered)
- Brief electrical pulse passed through scalp
- Patient under anesthesia
- Produce seizure on EEG
- Muscle paralysis prevents convulsive movement
- Bilateral or unilateral
- 6 12 treatments
- 2 3 treatments per week







Limitations: Headache, muscle aches Cognitive Side Effects: Memory Access: Hospital, Often Inpatient Stigma Anesthesia Risks Cost Maintenance: ECT v. meds

1. Seiner and Henry 2003

Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS)

Non-invasive technique

USA: Approved (NeuroStar TMS Therapy®) Approved: Canada and Israel Strong, pulsed magnetic fields pass through skull Coil placed on head in awake patient Induces electrical current in cortex which depolarizes neurons

Control over site and intensity of stimulation



Limitations:

Need more controlled trials for efficacy/maintenance data Higher intensity stimulation leads to higher risk of motor convulsion Best stimulation parameters not known Noisy; high-freq clicking Neuronal depolarization only extends 2 cm blow scalp - effects limited to cortex

Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)

- FDA approved for epilepsy; FDA approved for TRD 2005
- Implanted in over 30,000 patients worldwide
- Pulse generator implanted in left chest wall area, connected to leads attached to left vagus nerve
- Mild electrical pulses applied to CN X for transmission to the brain

Limitations

Efficacy data from nonrandomized study Surgical procedure Limited acute antidepressant effect MRI contraindication Battery Life (3- 8 yrs) Side effects: cough, site infection, hoarse







Henry TR. Neurology. 2002;59(suppl 4):S3-S14.

Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)

- FDA Approved for Parkinson's and Tremor
- Investigational for OCD, TRD
- Stereotactic Target from MRI
- Two chest-wall Internal Pulse Generators
- Burr holes in skull for electrode placement
- Stimulation parameters programmed by computer

Limitations

- Limited, short-term, open-label data in psychiatry
- Considerable Surgical Risk
- Targets and stimulation parameters not established
- MRI contraindication
- Battery Life





Low Field Magnetic Stimulation

- Initial Observation
 - BP depressed SS undergoing EP-MRSI had immediate relief
- Early POC trial
- Animal study (FST)
- ¹⁸FDG PET healthy volunteer study
- Prototype Development
- 20 minute session

- Positive Scale
 - interested*
 - excited
 - strong
 - enthusiastic*
 - proud*
 - alert*
 - inspired*
 - determined
 - attentive*
 - active



- Negative Scale
 - distressed*
 - upset*
 - guilty
 - scared
 - hostile
 - irritable
 - ashamed
 - nervous
 - jittery
 - afraid

Transcranial Electrical Stimulation



- tDCS: direct current
- tACS: alternating current
- tRNS: random noise
- tPCS: pulsed current



Chronology for Antidepressants for Mood Disorders





STAR*D Remission Rates

Available Treatments for Mood Disorders are less than Optimal

- Low remission rates
- Delay of onset (weeks to months)
- Personal and social problems (job, marriage, kids)
- Increase risk of suicidal behavior (mostly 1st 30 days of an AD)

Depression: The Need for Improved Treatments

Problems with Current Antidepressants:

- Low remission rates
- Questionable efficacy in bipolar depression
- Lag of onset of antidepressant effects



Neuroimaging & Postmortem Findings in Severe Recurrent Mood Disorders

Non mood disorder





Severe recurrent **Mood Disorders**







Suicidal ideation

Cognition

Site of Action of Ketamine: Binds to Open Channel at PCP Site to Block NMDA Receptor

- <u>Synonyms</u>: Ketalar®, K, Special K, Vitamin K, Lady K,
- Source: Available by prescription only
- <u>Drug Class</u>: Dissociative anesthetic
- Medical and Recreational Uses:
- In veterinary as a tranquilizer
- Diagnostic and surgical procedures
- Recreationally used
- Bioavailability
- Intravenous: 100%
- Intramuscular: 93%
- Intranasal: 25-50%
- Oral: 20%
- Half-life Ket 2 hs, Norket 3-5 hs



Rapid Antidepressant Effect of Ketamine in Unmedicated Treatment Resistant MDD (n=18)



Rapid antidepressant, antisuicidal, and antianhedonic effects of **Ketamine in Treatment Resistant Depression**

MADRS





Zarate et al., Biological Psychiatry 2012

Bipolar Depression (n=18)



Diazgranados et al. Arch Gen Psych 2010



Change in MADRS Score, by Dose Frequency, From Baseline Through Day 15 of the Double-Blind Phase in Study of I.V. Ketamine in TRD



Singh et al. Am J Psych 2016

What is Suicide?

Suicide in the News

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From April 11, 2016: Canadian First Nation Declares State Of Emergency Over Suicide Attempts

"The CBC reports that about 2,000 people live in the community. **On Saturday <u>night</u>**, according to Chief Bruce Shisheesh, 11 people attempted suicide...."



The Washington Post

November 5, 2015: A group of middle-aged whites in the U.S. is dying at a startling rate

"The mortality rate for white men and women ages 45-54 with less than a college education increased markedly between 1999 and 2013, most likely because of problems with **legal and illegal drugs**, **alcohol and suicide**, the researchers concluded. Before then, death rates for that group dropped steadily, and at a faster pace.

An increase in the mortality rate for any large demographic group in an advanced nation has been virtually unheard of in recent decades, with the exception of Russian men after the collapse of the Soviet Union."

Risk factors for suicide Multifactorial

- Previous suicide attempts
- Major depression or bipolar disorders
- Comorbid abuse of alcohol or drugs
- Multiple comorbidity
- Losses, deaths, shame, poverty, disability
- Social isolation, unmarried
- Lack of access to clinical care
- Access to firearms, toxins, medicines

Acute Risk Factors Before Suicide Attempt or Death



- Patients who attempted or died by suicide in STEP BD
- Suicidal ideation and loss of interest significantly increased in severity in months before suicidal behavior. Anxiety may be similarly elevated
- No change in agitation or high risk behavior

Ballard 2016

Current Treatments

- Only FDA approved medication for suicidal behavior: clozapine for patients with schizophrenia
- No FDA approved medication for suicidal thoughts
- Lithium not FDA approved but evidence of reducing suicidal behaviors
- Black box warning on SSRIs may have led to decreased depression treatment in adolescents and adults

Ting et al., 2012; Deisenhammer et al. J Clin Psychiatry 2009; Larkin et al. Crisis 2008; Janofsky J Am Acad Psychiatry Law 2009; Jick et al. JAMA 2004; Diazgranados et al. J Clin Psych 2010; Lu et al., 2014

Critical Windows of Suicide Risk

- Wk after psychiatric admission and wk after psychiatric discharge
- First 9 days of starting an antidepressant
- Provide treatment across "critical window" from emergency/inpatient treatment to outpatient follow-up
- Reduction in risk can allow time to connect patient to long-term resources (i.e. medication management, psychotherapy)



Qin et al., 2005; Olfson et al., 2014

Rapid Decreases in Suicidal Ideation (SI) with Ketamine in MDD and BD



Literature on Suicide and Ketamine



Murrough 2015; RCT of ketamine vs midazolam in actively suicidal pts



Price 2009, 2014; Changes on suicide implicit association test (IAT)



Ionescu 2016; Repeat dose open-label ketamine

rMRGlu in infralimbic cortex associated with suicidal ideation and its reduction in MDD



Regional placement of the infralimbic cortex (red) and subgenual cingulate cortex (blue)



Significant correlation between baseline suicidal ideation and rMRGlu in the infralimbic cortex (r = .59, p = .007), but not depression (p = .79). Significant association between reduction in suicidal ideation and decreased rMRGlu in the infralimbic cortex after ketamine (r = .54, p = .02), but not depression (p = .69)

Ballard, 2014

Suicide Ideation and Sleep

- Difficulties with sleep is associated with later suicide risk
- Sleep represents an important, potential modifiable acute risk factor for suicide
- Time period of 12-4:59 am may be a particularly high-risk time for suicide

Bernert 2014; Perlis et al. J Clin Psych 2016

Wakefulness in Depressed Patients and Healthy Controls

Wakefulness in Depressed Patients (n = 65)

Wakefulness in Healthy Controls (n = 22)



Data collected using polysomnography Time period of 12-4:59 am may be a particularly high-risk time for suicide (Perlis, 2014).

Ballard et al J Clin Psych 2016

Relationship Between Wakefulness from 12:00 AM – 4:59 AM and Antisuicidal Response to Ketamine

Participants with Antisuicidal Response Post Ketamine



Participants with No Antisuicidal Response Post Ketamine



Vandevoort et al J Clin Psych 2016

Neurobiology of Suicide Protocol: 15-M-0188

- Identify patients in current suicidal crisis
 - Suicide attempt or acute suicidal thoughts in last 2 weeks
 - Admission to inpatient unit–7SE, CC, NIH
- Multimodal assessment to identify biomarkers of suicidal ideation
 - Dimensional perspective for suicidal thoughts/behaviors
- Replicate "rapid model paradigm" used for antidepressants treatments to develop rapid-acting antisuicidal treatments
 - Evaluate ketamine and sleep deprivation in suicidal individuals
 - Identify neural correlates of antisuicidal response



Environment, psychosocial stress, personality, trauma, support systems,

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