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ABSTRACT

The proteomic study reported that Tenascin-C might be a diagnostic biomarker for

major depressive disorder, but clinical studies of this potential relationship are lacking.

Here we examined the association between tenascin-C levels in serum and suicide

attempts. Serum tenascin-C concentrations were compared among depressive patients

who had not attempted suicide (n = 86), patients who had attempted it (n = 43), and

healthy controls (n = 109). All participants were aged between 18 and 68 years. The

association between concentration and suicide attempts was assessed by multivariate

analysis after adjusting for sociodemographics, lifestyle and health indicators.

Tenascin-C concentrations were higher in patients than in controls, and higher in

patients who had attempted suicide than in patients who had not. Higher

concentrations were associated with greater risk of attempting suicide. Among

patients who had attempted suicide, tenascin-C concentrations were associated with

severity of depression. Our results suggest that high tenascin-C levels in depressive

patients correlate with suicide attempts and severity of depression. Tenascin-C may

contribute to risk of suicide attempts in depressed patients.

Keywords tenascin-C; depression; suicide attempts; severity

1. Introduction

Major depressive disorder is a crucial public health challenge and is considered the

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