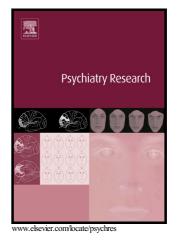
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#### Abstract:

A subpopulation of patients with bipolar disorder type I (BD-I) might suffer from undiagnosed

autoimmune encephalitis. We tested plasma of 104 BD-I patients with a current or recent manic

episode in the past 2 years for the presence of neuronal autoantibodies using

immunohistochemistry, immunocytochemistry and cell-based assay (CBA). Neuronal antibodies were

not detected in any of the BD type I. This finding suggests that the frequency of an undiagnosed

autoimmune encephalitis in patients with BD I is less than 1%. However, these findings need to be

confirmed in cerebrospinal fluid and/or blood of acutely ill manic patients.

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Bipolar disorder, Autoimmune, Mania, Antibodies, Encephalitis, Immunology

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