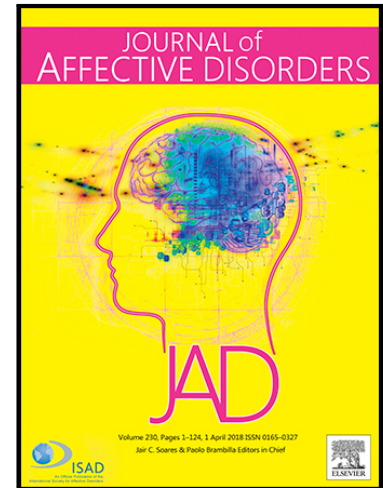


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Ketamine Augmentation for Major Depressive Disorder and Suicidal Ideation: Preliminary Experience in an Inpatient Psychiatry Setting

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Highlights

- This case series demonstrates feasibility and safety of serial ketamine infusions (3 times weekly over two weeks) in addition to treatment as usual for inpatients admitted to a tertiary care hospital for major depressive disorder and suicidal ideation
- All five subjects in this case series experienced benefit.
- Scale for Suicidal Ideation scores diminished by 84% from 14.0 ± 4.5 at baseline to 2.2 ± 2.5 at study endpoint (42 days) while Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale scores diminished by 47% from 42.2 ± 5.3 at baseline to 22.4 ± 8.0 .
- There were no serious adverse events although one of five subjects dropped out due to the dissociative effects of ketamine.

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