

SEROTONIN RESPONSIVE AND NONRESPONSIVE DIURNAL DEPRESSIVE MOOD DISORDERS AND PATHOLOGICAL AFFECT IN THALAMIC INFARCT ASSOCIATED WITH MYOCLONUS AND BLEPHAROSPASM

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A patient with a central thalamic infarct developed several affective and anxiety disorders that responded differentially to serotonergic and nonserotonergic antidepressants. This case, compatible with recent positron emission tomography (PET) data, offers a clinical window to the pathophysiology of mood dysregulation.

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