

A 64 YEAR OLD PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION, VERTIGO AND SUICIDE THOUGHTS WITH NYSTAGMUS AND DIPLOPIA: A CASE REPORT

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A 64 year old patient was referred to the psychiatric ward due to a depressive mood and suicide thoughts. An antidepressant treatment was started. Intermittently, he showed a rightward horizontal gaze-evoked nystagmus. We arranged a cerebral magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis, which revealed an autoimmune disorder - dipeptidyl-peptidase-like protein 6 (DPPX) antibody - which was the probable underlying cause. The patient was treated with steroids and azathioprine which improved his condition substantially. The case emphasizes the relevance of putative autoimmune etiology of acute psychiatric diseases.

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