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List of Abbreviations

BD	Bipolar Disorder
BP-I	Bipolar I disorder
BP-II	Bipolar II disorder
DSM-IV TR	Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental
	disorders, fourth edition
DSM-V	Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental
	disorders, fifth edition
GABA	γ-aminobutyric acid
GATS	Global Adult Tobacco Survey
IQR	Inter-Quartile Range
LDT	laterodorsal tegmental nucleus
NAc	nucleus accumbens
nAChRs	Nicotinic Acetyl Choline Receptors
NRT	Nicotine Replacement Therapy
NS	Non- Statistically significant result
VM PFC	Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex
TPP	tegmental pedunculopontine nucleus
VTA	Ventral Tegmental Area

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Introduction

Bipolar disorder is a major affective disorder marked by severe mood swings. Yet, the traditional defining feature of bipolar disorder is the occurrence of episodes of mania or hypomania alternating, or occurring currently with, depressive episodes. Episodes in bipolar disorder are usually separated by periods of recovery, with return to normal function, but recurrence rates are high. However, the course of bipolar disease is not entirely clear and recent research is suggesting that patients with bipolar disorder experience symptoms over much longer periods than previously thought. The disease is considered one of the most debilitating mental illnesses accounting for high rate of inpatient hospital admission (39.1%) with also higher annual insurance payments compared to other behavioral health care diagnoses. (Peele, Xu et al. 2003)

Bipolar disorder has been linked to tobacco smoking in many previous studies. One study has shown that the prevalence of cigarette smoking is 44% in bipolar patients among the sample group. (Dickerson, Stallings et al. 2013) The 2007 National Health Interview Survey showed a prevalence rate of 46% of cigarette smoking among bipolar patients.(McClave, McKnight-Eily et al. 2010) The effect of smoking cigarettes on bipolar disorder has been evaluated in a study that has shown that a relationship exists between cigarette smoking and psychotic symptoms in bipolar affective disorder.(Corvin et al. 2001)

Aim of the work

- 1. To study the comorbidity of nicotine use in patients with bipolar disorder.
- 2. To detect the pattern of nicotine use in Egyptian patients with bipolar disorder.
- 3. To study the comorbidity of anxiety disorders in patients with bipolar disorder and it effect on nicotine and waterpipe smoking pattern