## **Presentations**



# Treatments for Depression Focusing on Individual Symptoms

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#### **Abstract**

The assessment of specific individual symptoms is essential for the accurate diagnosis and determination of the severity of depression. In clinical settings, discussing individual depressive symptoms between patients and healthcare professionals can greatly enhance the therapeutic relationship and provide a more comprehensive understanding of the condition. Despite this, prior research has not adequately examined the evolution of individual symptoms over the course of treatment for depression. To fully realize the potential of antidepressant medications, it would be crucial that treatment outcomes are evaluated using rating scales that specifically address individual depressive symptoms.