



Things You Might Not Know About Psychotropic Medications– But Wish You Did

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- **Atorvastatin has recently been shown to effectively augment SSRI treatment in adults**

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- **Melatonin in standard doses (3-5 mg) can ameliorate metabolic side effects of atypical antipsychotics (Int Clin Psychopharm., July 4, 2016)**

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- **Lamotrigine is ineffective in treating or preventing mania in bipolar disorder**

