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"Animal Models Of Mood Disorders – From Mice To Men?"



Although depression - among other mood disorders - represents one of the most common health problems world-wide, it is currently diagnosed solely on clinical grounds, since knowledge about the underlying pathophysiological principles is still very scanty. The implementation of proper animal models is a prerequisite for increasing the understanding of the neurobiological basis of mood disorders and for the development of alternative therapeutic interventions.

I am going to present a mouse model for therapeutic intervention in depression ('learned safety') as an example for the development of novel animal paradigms in neuropsychiatric research that provide the urgently needed translational bridge between experimental animal research and the human condition.

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