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Abstract

Vampiristic behaviors are rarely seen clinically and less than 100 cases have been reported in the world literature to date. There have been so few cases that there exists yet no clinical consensus on how vampiristic behaviors should be classified. In most cases, however, a distinction is usually made as to whether the patient drinks their own blood or the blood of others. We will review the case of a 38 year-old patient who had vampiristic thoughts and fantasies that began in adolescence, but did not act on these thoughts until after she suffered a traumatic brain injury with a three-week loss of consciousness while serving in the military. Brain imaging showed focal damage to her bilateral frontal lobes. Psychological testing demonstrated impairment of executive function. We will also review the proposed diagnostic criteria for vampirism and discuss how behavioral disinhibition may have affected the emergence into behavior of her previously inhibited vampiristic thoughts.

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