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This minireview paper summarizes recent advances in the explanation of co-morbidity between psychosis and multiple sclerosis. Authors analyse the shared and distinct immuno-pathogenetic pathways and mechanisms which underpin the two conditions and their exacerbations. Implications for pharmacological treatment strategies are reviewed as well. The manuscript may benefit from inclusion of few more sources, in order to exceed the usually considered minimum of 80 titles for minireview. Those sources may be focused on the issue of psychiatric validity and construction of nomothetic networks for diagnosis, which may approximate psychiatry to the disciplinary context of medicine. The search strategy should be outlined in the introduction, including key words, covered time frame and data bases.

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