


SAME MEDICATIONS OR DIFFERENT?

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We present a case of headache in a patient with depressive disorder during therapy with alprazolam. Patient, 51 years old, was treated under diagnose of depressive disorder for the past 18 years. During outpatient treatment, the patient had citalopram (daily dosage 20 mg) and alprazolam (daily dosage 1 mg) in therapy. Occasionally, she was feeling tensed, nervous. Also, occasionally she had headache. She was taking analgetics occasionally, prescribed by neurologist, but headaches did not stop. Diagnostic procedures were performed, and *bilateral stenosis of carotid arteries* was found. Outpatient treatment was continued and after several months she reported having headache no longer. Also, she said that she started taking "some other" alprazolam in the same daily dosage, and that headache stopped two days after that.

During coversation it was established that this "other" alprazolam was alprazolam from another pharmaceutical company. During outpatient treatment that followed the patient confirmed she had no longer headache.