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Study may pave way to tailor-made antidepressants

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led by Jorge Cervilla Ballesteros and Blanca Guti,rrez Martinez at the University of Granada.

As part of the study researchers examined a population sample accounting for gender, age and family history of psychiatric disorders of the Spanish population.

The study found that 24 percent of the population comprising people with the s/s genotype needed minimal exposure to threatening life events, unlike individuals with s/l or l/l genotypes.

The researchers are working to open roads for psycho-pharmaco-genetics, a field that will allow for individual treatments, tailor-made drugs, for each patient with depression.

The findings of the study were published in journal Molecular Psychiatry.

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