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## Rules-Based Medicine Developing Blood Test for Depression & Bipolar Disorder

Rules-Based Medicine (RBM), the biomarker testing company behind the development and commercialization of VeriPsych™, a blood-based diagnostic aid for confirmation of the diagnosis of schizophrenia, is also developing products for unipolar depression and bipolar disorder. The schizophrenia test screens for proteins—biomarkers—associated with schizophrenia. During the course of VeriPsych development, RBM also tested samples for unipolar depression and bipolar disorder and found potential biomarker patterns for each condition.

These tests could potentially complement the VeriPsych schizophrenia blood test, as symptom overlap is common in neuropsychiatric disorders. On April 13, 2011, a VeriPsych spokesperson confirmed the development efforts, but said details about timing, pricing, and potential coverage by third-party payers for the differential diagnostic test are not yet available.

OPEN MINDS most recently reported on VeriPsych in "RBM Announces National Marketing Launch of VeriPsych Blood Test for Schizophrenia." The article is available at [www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/premium/omol/2010/110110mhcd1.htm](http://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/premium/omol/2010/110110mhcd1.htm).

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