

Brief Biography:

Vidar M. Steen, Norway

Professor Vidar M. Steen, MD PhD, received his medical degree in 1987 and PhD in 1990, both from the University of Bergen, Norway. Since 1993, he has established and headed “Dr. Einar Martens Research Group for Biological Psychiatry”. Steen now holds a professorship in Molecular Medicine and he is also head of the Section for Medical Genetics and Molecular Medicine at Haukeland University Hospital, the University of Bergen. Steen’s research has been centered around biological and genetics factors that may affect disease susceptibility or treatment response in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, focusing on themes like CYP450-mediated drug metabolism, lithium responsiveness, antipsychotic-induced extrapyramidal adverse effects and cognitive dysfunctions in psychiatric disorders. Over the last decade, Steen has paid special attention to metabolic adverse effects of psychotropic drugs.