Future Applications for Deep Brain Stimulation:
Using Tractography to Explore Surgical Targets for Bipolar Disorder

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Deep brain stimulation (DBS) is a neurosurgical therapy with the potential for widespread clinical applications, of which neurosurgeons should be aware. Novel technologies, such as tractography, can result in improved strategies to aid in the discovery of surgical targets for DBS. There is an unmet need for the neurosurgical treatment of medically refractory psychiatric diseases, which have the potential to be helped with DBS.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this activity, participants will learn:
1. To improve current understanding of deep brain stimulation (DBS) therapy and its potential applications.
2. To demonstrate the value of tractography in understanding brain networks, and how this can be used as a targeting tool in DBS.
3. To propose a possible surgical target for DBS for the treatment of Bipolar disorder.

DESIGNATION STATEMENT
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