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Somatic symptoms characterized by arthralgias, bodily aches and pains, musculoskeletal pain and joint pain have been investigated in a number of menopause and depression studies. Although depression is one of the most common causes of bodily aches and pains, and arthralgias, these same symptoms are also commonly associated with a natural menopause, surgical menopause and menopause induced by chemotherapy in breast cancer treatment.

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