Author’s response to reviews

Title: Peripheral blood and neuropsychological markers for the onset of action of antidepressant drugs in patients with Major Depressive Disorder

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Ms. No. 2466547894987937

Dear Prof. Appelbaum,

please find attached our revised Ms. No. 2466547894987937 by Tadic and Wagner et al. We are grateful to the BMC Series Editorial Production Team for their recommendations. According to your decision we have improved and revised our manuscript according to the Senior Executive Editor comments. In detail, we have dealt as follows with the reviewer’s comments (changes in the revised MS are coloured, underlined and written in italics):

Comment 1: Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is ‘First name Initial Last name’ (e.g. Joe F Bloggs). Currently they do not match.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we corrected the list of authors in the title page of the revised manuscript.

Comment 2: Study Groups: these should be consistent between the manuscript and the submission system. Members of a group should be listed in the acknowledgements (if anywhere).
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Team’s suggestion we deleted the study group from the title page of the revised manuscript.

Comment 3: Abstract: the trial registration number must be mentioned in the abstract. The last section of the abstract must be titled Trial Registration, and must list the trial registry and the unique identifying number. Please note that there must be no space between the letters and numbers of the trial registration number (e.g. ISRCTN12345678). Please ensure that you have also updated the abstract in the submission system to ensure it remains identical to the manuscript.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we added the trial registration number to the abstract of the revised manuscript.

Comment 4: Tables: we are unable to display shading and colours within the tables. Can we therefore ask you to use another method of highlighting the shaded text e.g. by making it bold.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we checked the tables of the revised manuscript regarding shading and colours.

Comment 5: Affiliations: Please remember to include the city and the country in the affiliation details.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we include the city and the country in the affiliation details on the title page of the revised manuscript.
Comment 6: Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we removed all highlighting and tracking from the revised manuscript.

Comment 7: Abbreviations: Please format these in to a paragraph.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we format the abbreviations in to a paragraph.

Comment 8: Declaration of Interests: Please rename this section 'Competing Interests'.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we renamed the declaration of interests in to “Competing Interests”.

Comment 9: Tables- please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we removed the vertical lines from the tables of the revised manuscript.

Comment 10: Additional file: Please remove the additional file containing the table which is already included in the manuscript from the submission system.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we deleted the additional file from the submission system.

Comment 11: Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.
Action taken: According to the BMC Series Editorial Production Teams suggestion we checked our revised manuscript for any typographical errors and make any final corrections.

We again wish to thank the Senior Executive Editor for her helpful comments and we hope that you will find our revised manuscript now fully suitable for publication.

With best regards,

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