Reviewer's report

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Revised manuscript

The main remarks for this revised manuscript are the following:

1. The authors noted that all patients were treated with selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), but they did not give any information in how far these agents, which are known to have an effect on cardiac rhythm, were responsible for the observed HRV changes.

2. In table 2 the authors exposed the frequency domain indices, but again the units are not clear. Their results for the LF and HF indices are expressed in ms units, but they appear to be more like normalized units (nu). What do the authors think?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.