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Dear Mr. Edward Sucksmith,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 17, 2014 concerning our manuscript (Ms. ID 1651945282116766) entitled ‘Decreased plasma neuroactive amino acids and increased nitric oxide levels in melancholic major depressive disorder’. We were pleased to know that in principle our manuscript is acceptable for publication in BMC Psychiatry. We have now addressed all the editorial requests and indicated our point-by-point response to the requests below:

**Request 1:** Please include the email addresses of all co-authors in the title page.

**Response 1:** We have now included the email addresses of all co-authors in the title page. See the Title page.

**Request 2:** Please reformat your manuscript to include a ‘Conclusions’ section after the ‘Discussion’ section.

**Responses 2:** We have now reformatted our manuscript to included a ‘Conclusions’ section after the ‘Discussion’ section. See page 14 line 1 to 5.

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**Responses 3:** We have removed the ‘Role of funding source’ section and have included funding information in the ‘Acknowledgements’ section. See now page 14 line 21 to 22.

Please find in the website of BMC Psychiatry our uploaded revised manuscript, in which we have highlighted the changes using red color. We hope that our modifications are satisfactory, and that they make our paper acceptable for publication in *BMC Psychiatry*.

Thanks for your kind consideration.
Sincerely yours,

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