Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor

I would like to submit the revised version of our manuscript entitled: **Ritanserin as an adjunct to lithium and haloperidol for the treatment of acute episodes of mania: a double blind and placebo controlled trial**

I had considered point to point the reviewers comments in the revision form and our answers are:

Reviewer 1 (Dr. Leslie W Huson)

1- It seems Student t test and Fisher’s exact test are valid to compare these kind of data.
2- Typo in table 3 was corrected (agitation)

Reviewer 2 (Dr. Nasir Ghaemi)

The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (page number)

1- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (reference 11)
2- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (We explained in the manuscript that all patients were hospitalized throughout the study)
3- Most patients were not taking anything at the beginning of the study.
4- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript. (mean ± SD in figure 1)
5- To consider, α=0.05, β=0.2, the final difference between the two groups at least score of 3, S=5 and power=0.8, the sample size was calculated at least 19 in each group.
6- As the reviewer mentioned due to a small number of dropout there is no difference regarding intention to treat analysis
7- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (We mentioned in the manuscript regarding the other demographic data)
8- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (using percentage in table 3)
9- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (typo in table 3 was corrected (agitation))
10- The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (we added the baseline score in the manuscript)
Reviewer 3 (Dr. Rif S El-Mallakh)

Section compulsory revisions

2. The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (manic episode)
3. The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (lithium to therapeutic)
4. The comment of reviewer was considered in the manuscript (difference).

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