Reviewer's report

Title: Ritanserin as an adjunct to lithium and haloperidol for the treatment of acute episodes of mania: a double blind and placebo controlled trial

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a) Discretionary revisions

The discussion of the involvement of serotonin is very superficial and nonspecific. It would nice to see the authors use the results of their current study for be more specific in regards to the role of serotonin in bipolar illness, or at least in mania.

b) Compulsory revisions

Very minor typos
1. Under "Study Design", line 4: "DSM IV criteria for mania episode" should be for "manic episode"
2. Under "Study Design", line 5: ". . of lithium on therapeutic level. . " should be "lithium to therapeutic"
3. Under "Exptrapyramidal Symptoms Rating Scale", line 2: "deferens" should be "difference"

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None declared.