Reviewer's report

Title: Case report: Itch and skin rash from chocolate during fluoxetine and sertraline treatment.

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Reviewer: Klas Nordlind

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The paper by SM Carlton and RE Coggeshall in Brain Res 763:271-275, 1997, describing 5-HT2A receptors on peripheral sensory axons, at the dermal-epidermal junction, should be cited. The authors should also instead of "dermal 5-HT receptors" indicate "5-HT receptors at the dermal and epidermo-dermal junctional area", in the different parts of the manuscript, including the Abstract.

In addition to the references showing no effect of 5-HT3 receptors antagonists on pruritus, the authors might add a reference by H Schworer et al. in Pain 61: 33-37, 1995, showing an antipruritic effect of ondansetron in cholestatic pruritus.

Misspelling, Background, line 3, "who" instead of "ho", and in Authors´ contributions, "HM" instead of "MH". Moreover, the role of the author SK should be reevaluated. Nothing is indicated under Acknowledgements.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions