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In the first version submitted to the journal for peer review it was mentioned in the abstract and in the conclusions that "an inversely proportional relationship was observed between the effectiveness of the antidepressants in relieving the painful symptoms and its correlation with the improvement of depression, both of which were rated by the patients (p<0.0001)". A last review of the study data allowed us to re-think that statement because it can be misinterpreted as the antidepressant medications were not effective in to reduce the painful symptoms according to the patients evaluations. The right phrase must be: "Slight but significant reductions in depression and painful symptoms severity were observed after 8 weeks of treatment. However, a proportional inverse relationship between the pain relief and depression severity was observed (p<.0001)." It emphasize that although a significant pain relief was observed at 8 weeks of treatment with medications prescribed to the patients, that pain relief is inversely proportional to the severity of the depression.