Reviewer's report

Title: Duloxetine versus placebo for the treatment of women with stress predominant urinary incontinence in Taiwan: a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial

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This study looks at a comparison of duloxetine versus placebo for the treatment of women with stress predominant urinary incontinence in Taiwan. The paper has been written in strong collaboration with Lilly as evidenced by the correspondence being with Dr Viktrup.

This is a small study, comparing 60 patients in each group. There was no improvement in quality of life, but a significant improvement in IEF. There were more side effects seen with duloxetine than placebo.

The conclusion in the abstract that the data provides evidence for safety and efficacy, can be challenged on the basis that there is no improvement in quality of life, albeit there is an improvement in the IEF.

The introduction and methods section are well written. The results are clearly presented. The results are similar to those seen in the core registration study.

I would concur with the conclusion that, with the exception of I-QOL, the data from other studies can be reasonably extrapolated to the Taiwanese population.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I don't believe I have any conflicting interests in reviewing this article.