Author's response to reviews

Title: Experimental study of Delphinium denudatum Wall. on the abstinence signs in morphine dependent rats

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Thank you very much for your kind e-mail dated 29.4.2002. We have now updated our paper by including the reference of S. Zafar et al., as suggested, in our manuscript. By adding this reference we have also corrected the whole series of other references. You may now see the same reference as reference number 8 in the "Introduction" part.

A covering letter and the revised manuscript have thus been updated online.

Regards,
S. Z. Rahman
R. A. Khan
A. Kumar

Thank you very much for sending the reviewer's report again of our revised paper. As per suggestion of the referee, we have corrected our paper. Here are the corrections/additions made point wise:

Discretionary Reviews
In Materials & Methods: Sub headings have been made. Now it has Animals, Drugs, Treatment schedule, Technique and Statistical analysis as suggested by the referee.

Compulsory Revisions
Material & Methods
Page 3
Line 2: Corrected
Word "sticky" has been used in place of "plastic"

Para 4: Line: 7
Neil & Sparber has been written. The spelling of Neil has also been corrected.

Statistical Analysis
P value has now been mentioned.

Page 4
The order of counted and checked signs have been re-written as presented in table 2

Line 17: "table 3" has been deleted and has now been written after group 6 in line 21 as suggested by the referee
Line 18: "p.o" has been deleted

Line 21: "(Mean + SEM)" has been deleted

Page 5
Discussion:
Para 1: Line 5
Table 2 has been written in place of Table 1b
Para 2:
Line 3 has been deleted

Table 3
The order of counted and checked signs have been presented as presented in table 2
The findings of group 1 and 2 have already been given in the result section (cf. In group 1 which was given only saline, there were occasional episodes of chewing, exploring, digging and yawning at the time of observation. Group 2, administered with D.d. in dose of 350 mg/kg twice daily orally, also showed occasional but inconsistent signs namely chewing, exploring, yawning, squeaking on touch which were comparable to group 1). Since most of the observed parameters in group 1 & 2 showed zero reading / no findings that is why has been reported in the result section and has not been shown in the table 3, otherwise zero readings in the table look nonconforming and would make table larger unnecessarily.

Fig. 1
Corrected as per suggestion of the referee
"Aggregate score of signs (mean + SEM)" on Y-Axis has been written.

Apart from the above corrections and additions including discretionary and compulsory revisions as per suggested by the referee, we have also revised citation of references as per guidelines provided in BioMed Central style. We have also cited the reference from where we did the statistical analysis. Hope the paper would now suffice the standard of the journal. Waiting for the earlier response.
Sincerely yours,
S. Z. Rahman
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A. Kumar