Author's response to reviews

Title: Cardiac arrest provoked by itraconazole and amiodarone interaction: a case report

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Dear Editor in Chief of Journal of Medical Case Reports

We highly appreciate the constructive critiques of our manuscript MS: 4902778904510298 entitled “Cardiac arrest provoked by itraconazole and amiodarone interaction: a case report”, as well as the opportunity to submit a revised version of the paper. We have undertaken every effort feasible to address the issues raised by reviewers in a revised version of the manuscript (MS: 4902778904510298.R2). In addition, we have carefully formatted the revised manuscript to conform to the Journal’s guidelines. As a result, we believe that the manuscript is substantially improved and hope that it is acceptable for publication. Below is a point-by-point response (R; in red) to the reviewers’ comments (C; in italics).

Sincerely,

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REVIEWERS' COMMENTS TO AUTHOR

Reviewer 1 comments

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications
Has the case been reported coherently?: No
The presentation of the case report has been amended.
Is the case report authentic?: Yes
Is the case report ethical?: Yes
Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No
Is this case worth reporting?: Yes
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes
Does the case report have explanatory value?: No
Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes
Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes
Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Thank you for your recent submission, case report on cardiac arrests provoked by the interaction between itraconazole and amiodarone.
C1. I found the case interesting and educational but I feel the case report was presented in a rather confusing manner. I was required to read the article several times before I understood the full sequence of events leading up to the reactions. It was not clear until late in the article that there had been 3 reactions but 2 arrests and the events leading up to the reactions I felt to be a little unclear and jumbled.

R1. We amended the entire presentation of the case report to make it easier for the reader to follow the sequence of events leading to the reactions. We also clarified that there had been 3 reactions but 2 cardiac arrests (abstract and case report, pages 2 and 4-5).

C2. I note also you have added comments about the patient’s complex course in ITU but I think his ITU episode is not so unusual, distracting from your main point. His clinical progress is certainly worth including for your case study but I feel not important enough to highlight as a separate point.

R2. We agree with the reviewer that these comments about the exceptional clinical course of the patient could distract the reader from the main point of this case report which is the adverse drug reaction and we removed the relevant paragraphs from the introduction (page 3) and discussion section (page 8).

C3. Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published

R3. We made some language corrections throughout the entire document.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests