Author's response to reviews

Title: Incidence of obstetrical thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura in a retrospective study within thrombocytopenic pregnant women. A difficult diagnosis and a treatable disease

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Dear Editor

Please find a revised (version 3) manuscript (MS: 2010880102144814) for “Incidence of obstetrical thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura in a retrospective study within thrombocytopenic pregnant women. A difficult diagnosis and a treatable disease” with the responses to the reviewer comments on last revised version (version 2).

Professional English language editing of this manuscript has been performed by Eric C.B. Milner, PhD, of Biomedical Science Writers, LLC.

The comments of the reviewer have been addressed (detailed below).

We hope that these improvements will make the manuscript suitable for publication acceptance.

Thank you for considering our work.

Sincerely

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Reviewer’s report

Title:

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Version:2

Date:21 February 2015

Reviewer: Paula Bolton-Maggs

Reviewer’s report:

The manuscript has been improved and the authors have mostly addressed the points raised by my previous review satisfactorily. However, there are still many spelling mistakes and the paper will need careful editing to eliminate these and improve the English.

Response:

Professional English language editing of this manuscript has been performed (Eric C.B. Milner, PhD) and corrections have been made on the whole manuscript without meaning change.

As suggested by Dr Milner, redundancy with the results text in figure 1 and table 2 legend has been removed to shorten the legend.

Note: the number of words from the abstract have increased from 334 to 341 after English language editing.

Line 192, page 8: a sentence has been added to introduce the paragraph that describes the information presented in Figure 1.

There is still confusion over the use of the term 'plasmatherapy' which has not been addressed satisfactorily in the legend to Figure 2.

Response:

We apologize for still having this term in the legend and it has been removed or replaced by plasma infusion. Line 498-504, page 21.

Additionally, the expression (abbreviation) plasma therapy (PT) line 183 in manuscript version 2 was suppressed.

There are asterisks but no key to what these signify.

Response:

Asterisks have been removed and the figure 2 legend has been simplified and we hope that it is more comprehensive in this new manuscript version.
In the flow diagram there is still reference to the term 'dosages' which needs correction to 'levels' 

*Response:*

_We thank the reviewer for pointing this and the change has been made in the actual version of figure 1_

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published