Author’s response to reviews

Title: Optimising plasma levels of clozapine during metabolic interactions: a review and case report with adjunct rifampicin treatment.

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Dear Editors,

We are very grateful to Drs. Pai and Chetty for their time in reviewing our manuscript. We have responded to their helpful comments in the following manner:

• Typographical errors identified by both reviewers have been corrected
• Inaccuracies identified by Dr. Chetty in the Background section have been corrected
• We have further reviewed the literature concerning the interaction between rifampicin and psychotropic medication and added 3 paragraphs describing this data to the Background section
• We have expanded on the limitations of interpretation of the plasma concentration data as suggested by Dr. Chetty in the Discussion section
• A reference has been added describing the role of absorption difficulties in abdominal TB in relation to this case report has been added to the Discussion section
• Further exploration of the role of other interacting medications has been added to the Discussion section
• We apologise that the figures have no captions – as they are JPEG images we cannot add these, but they should be:
  o Figure 1. Clozapine metabolic pathway
  o Figure 2. Temporal relationship between clozapine plasma concentration, dose, and concurrent medication

Yours faithfully,

Siobhan Gee (on behalf of the authors)