Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Sirs

Subject: Resubmission of manuscript # PHAT-D-16-00102

Deflazacort: therapeutic index, relative potency and equivalent doses versus other corticosteroids

Many thanks for your mail letter of September 7th.

I am writing to resubmit a revised manuscript.

Please find herewith enclosed a report on all the changes made according to reviewers’ comments.
Please note that the amendments have been highlighted in red colour in manuscript text.

Reviewer #1

Amendments made:

1. The figure has been corrected as requested by Reviewer; see attached file with Figure 1.

2. The captions of the tables have been reported in the same style (see lines 1-4, page 4 for table 1; lines 1-4, page 11 for table 2; lines 1-4, page 18 for table 3; lines 10, page 22 for table 4)

Reviewer #2

Rebuttal:

I appreciate the remark; indeed, this is a review, and my aim is to implement more complete information on relative potencies and a conversion table of corticosteroids, including deflazacort

Reviewer #3

Amendments made/Rebuttals:

1. I’m not quite sure to understand the reason of this remark; this paper has, in fact, been submitted for publication in the “Debate” section of the Journal and not as a research article.

2. The suggested correction has been implemented in the manuscript (see lines 13-17, page 4).

3. There are not personal hypothesis in this paper; in fact, my manuscript is a mere “review” of scientific papers and clinical trials evaluating corticosteroid relative potencies, already published on International Journals. The purpose of this paper is to implement a comprehensive corticosteroid dose-conversion table, based on the elaboration of data from previously published studies. All sources are listed in the references.
4. I have verified that the study populations considered in this review were sufficiently homogeneous; therefore, I have implemented this concept in the manuscript (see lines 9-10, page 22).

5. The realization of a meta-analysis is not among the aims of this manuscript. However, in my opinion, it may be useful as a stimulus to other Authors interested in conducting a meta-analysis on this topic (see implemented statement at lines 1-4, page 25).

6. The suggested correction has been implemented in the manuscript (see Table 3, pag.18).

Editorial Policies

In the Declarations section I have noted "Not applicable" in all those Sections which do not contain any individual persons data and/or are not pertinent.

As per the 'Availability of data and materials' section: all the data supporting my manuscript can be found consulting the references.

Hoping that the manuscript is acceptable for publication in its present form I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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