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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Pharmacological Management of BPSD v.6.docx).

Title: Pharmacological Management of Behavioral Symptoms Associated With Dementia

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Response to reviewer comments:

1. The way the studies included in the manuscript were selected should be described.
Response: This manuscript is not a meta-analysis or systematic review. This is a clinically-oriented review meant for the practicing clinician. We selected studies based on their relevance to the topic. This has been incorporated in the revised manuscript under Introduction. However, if the reviewer thinks that there are significant studies that we have left out, we would be glad to include them if informed.
2. The discussion section has to be devoted to the discussion of the data reviewed in the Results section. Up to page 13, the Discussion section repeats parts of the Introduction and/or presents and describes additional studies, which should be described and included in the Results section.
Response: There is no Results section because this is not a controlled study or systematic review. As stated earlier, this is a clinically oriented article with pertinent data to support the information presented in the article. The redundant parts of the Introduction have been deleted and the Discussion revised.
3. The Algorithm presented in Figure 1 – which is probably the most unique and valuable contribution of this manuscript – should be carefully and thoroughly described.
Response: The algorithm describes the critical elements in the diagnostic assessment of Alzheimer's disease with psychosis and behavioral disturbances, through various interventions, and helps the reader in coming to a reasonable understanding of the management of the above condition. The Discussion was revised to include this description.

Thank you for your consideration for publication.

Sincerely,

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