

Response to Reviewers

Our thanks to reviewers. Changes are marked in yellow.

Reviewer #1: -The manuscript is well written and the text flow is well organized. - The word 'Contrasts' in the title does not seem to correspond exactly to the content. The title could be 'Clinical Differences Between Delusional Disorder and Schizophrenia: A Mini-Review' -Abbreviations should not be used in table titles. (Table 1. delusional disorder should be written instead of DD)

RESPONSE: We changed the title according to the Reviewer's suggestion. "Differences" seems to be better than "Clinical differences" because the paper is not only focused on the clinical differences. We have also removed abbreviations from the Table titles.

Reviewer #2: The authors did a good job to review the literature to point out the similarities, and differences between Delusional Disorder and Schizophrenia.

Title : To be more specific i would recommend the authors to change the title and say narrative review instead mini review.

RESPONSE: Thank you for the recommendation. We changed the title.

Abstract: It is very clear from the abstract what the authors are trying to tell in their manuscripts and it's well written and sparks the interest of the reader.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your positive feedback.

Methods: It is not clear why the authors only chose to review PubMed and not review other databases like embase, psych info etc.

RESPONSE: We carried out a non-systematic narrative review based on electronic searchers on PubMed, which is a free resource supporting the search of biomedical and life science literature. It contains more than 33 million citations and abstracts. Links to full text are often available through the PubMed Central website. In addition to these searches, we expanded our search strategy by reviewing reference lists from papers we retrieved.

This is specified in the Methods section.

Overall the authors did an excellent in reviewing the literature and presenting the similarities, and differences in the diagnostic feature, treatment modalities between both delusional disorder and Schizophrenia.

RESPONSE. Thank you for your comment.

Reviewer #3:

1.This mini-review compares the psychopathology, clinical Characteristics, epidemiology, and efficacy of pharmacological or Non-pharmacological treatments for delusional disorders and schizophrenia, and is enlightening for clinical practice.

2.The coverage of search terms is not comprehensive, resulting in slightly Insufficient content.

RESPONSE: We agree with the Reviewer that the search strategy was insufficient in its content. We have expanded the search to the following terms, focused on the main objectives of the study: (delusional disorder) AND (onset OR epidemiology OR psychopathology OR response OR treatment OR Compar* OR Differen* OR Similarit* OR Contrast*)

Based on this expanded search, we have included new papers, mainly, as recommended, on the biological basis of the origin of delusions and on the treatment response.

3.currently, the etiology of both psychotic disorders, including the origin of delusions, maybe the result of biological, psychological and environmental interactions. (McCutcheon RA, Abi-Dargham A, Howes OD. Schizophrenia, Dopamine and the Striatum: From Biology to Symptoms. Trends Neurosci. 2019;42(3):205-220

RESPONSE: We entirely agree the Reviewer that the origin of delusions is a result of the interaction between biological, psychological and environmental factors. Based on the new electronic searches, we have included new papers that address

the biological origin of delusions, and their interaction with environmental factors.

Among others, we have included the reference suggested by the reviewer (McCutcheon et al., 2019).

4.In the Discussion on page 17, “Treatment response to antipsychotic medication appears to be similar in the two conditions”. However, treatment response to antipsychotics for delusional disorders is commonly lower than that for schizophrenia.

RESPONSE: We have expanded on this point under Pharmacotherapy and also under Discussion.

5.There are some spelling or superscript bracketing errors. e.g., in the abstract on page 1, perhaps "Ins schizophrenia, hallucinations, negative symptoms and cognitive symptoms are prominent." be "In schizophrenia," ? etc.

These have been corrected.