

Answers to reviewer:

- 1) How grade were adverse effects? These information may be useful for many doctors.

Answer: The adverse effects were mild, and they dissipated without treatment within 1 wk.

- 2) Authors had better to add consideration about male-female ratio in mirtazapine group. Because previous report showed that female with mirtazapine tended to gain weight. According from Table1, there tended to be many women in mirtazapine group. Reference Eur Neuropsychopharmacol. 2013;23(11):1443-51.Side effects of antidepressants during long-term use in a naturalistic setting.Bet PM1, Hugtenburg JG, Penninx BW, Hoogendijk WJ.

Answer: We have added consideration about male-female ratio and modified in the manuscript.

- 3) Why paroxetine did not change serum level of hormones despite it improved NDSI and HAND-17 score?

Answer: Paroxetine can change serum level of hormones, at 4 wk in PG, the level of NPY, MTL and GAS sharply increased, whereas the levels of 5-HT and CCK decreased.