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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A good study which demonstrated that the effectiveness of ECT treatment for MDD may be partly proven by significantly decreased ALFF in the slow-5 band. These results may help us to understand more fully the potential therapeutic mechanisms of ECT for MDD patients. This manuscript shows a way forward in understanding the therapeutic mechanism of ECT. The limitations are small sample size. Subjects were not matched in education. Also the second MRI was done after the eighth ECT irrespective of the clinical status of the patient. A more detailed longitudinal study would have probably given better results. The authors may include a few sentences on future directions .



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a. The authors in this article discussed about important electroneurophysiological changes following ECT in patients with major depressive disorder. b. Abstract: The statement “Major depressive disorder (MDD) tends to have a high incidence and high risk” sounds incomplete. Kindly mention high risk of what? c. Similarly, the claim “Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) is currently the most effective treatment for MDD” sounds baseless. Kindly refer to the existing evidences. d. Kindly refer to the statement “With rapid and high response rates, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) is usually used when other treatments fail. It is particularly important in suicidal, psychotic, or tonic depression[7].” What do you mean by tonic depression? e. Authors need to mention about the study design, sampling techniques and sample size estimation in more detail in the study. f. What was the study period (time frame)? g. Why DSM-IV criteria was used instead of DSM 5? h. Kindly describe what the authors mean by severe somatic disease? i. Whether the authors did cognitive assessment during the course of ECT?