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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>This is, in summary, a paper aimed to investigate the hepatic antioxidant effect of paroxetine in rats exposed to chronic restraint model.</p> <p>The manuscript is interesting and well-conducted; however, some revisions are needed as currently presented. The authors may find as follows my comments/suggestions.</p> <p>Some statements within the Introduction section are too generic and need to be more deeply clarified. For example, the authors stated that selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors were generally preferred over tricyclic antidepressants and monoamine oxidase inhibitors due to lesser adverse effects, good compliance, and comparable efficacy with these older drug groups. First, they are requested to specify whether they refer to animal models or human studies. Also, to more comprehensively support that all existing antidepressant drugs may be comparable in terms of efficacy, the authors may find as follows some</p>	



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	<p>useful and detailed studies that may be consulted (Sanchez et al; Int Clin Psychopharmacol. 2014 (in press); Seitz DPet al., Int J Geriatr Psychiatry. 2010; Cipriani et al., J Clin Psychiatry. 2008; Katzman et al., J Clin Psychiatry. 2007; Arroll et al., Ann Fam Med. 2005).</p> <p>Similarly for the following statement in the same section: “Chronic stress exposure is associated with neurodegeneration and a marked change in anti oxidant enzymes”. More details are needed to support this statement.</p> <p>The authors also stated in the Discussion section that paroxetine antidepressant effect against anhedonia-induced by glucocorticoids could be related to suppression of oxidative stress that is associated with dexamethasone administration. The mentioned assumption is quite interesting but needs to be further discussed by the authors. I suggest to develop this statement including specific and more focused evidence.</p> <p>Methods section, the authors should provide a more detailed rationale about their decision to measure at the end of the study, liver transaminases ALT and AST as well as the hepatic levels of GPx, catalase and TBARS in order to test the hepatic antioxidant effect of paroxetine. This is a crucial point that needs to be further addressed in</p>	
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	<p>order to improve the way in which the main topic of the present manuscript has been investigated.</p> <p>Discussion section, when the authors mentioned the existing relationship between depression and immune system, they should also cite recent studies about this topic (Mills et al., J Child Psychol Psychiatry. 2013; Serafini et al., Eur Neuropsychopharmacol, 2013; Hashmi et al., J Pak Med Assoc. 2013).</p> <p>Finally, the authors should be more candid in reporting the main limitations of the present study. I suggest to include a separate section in which they may describe the major shortcomings related to the major conclusion of their study. Overall, the assumption that paroxetine possesses an anti-oxidant action that helps in protection of livers of chronic restrained rats is interesting but the mentioned points need to be further developed in order to make the manuscript more easy to follow.</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	No further minor revisions.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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