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Petitioner submission of 11 November 2020

I would like to make the Committee aware of the following peer reviewed article, ['The 'patient voice': patients who experience antidepressant withdrawal symptoms are often dismissed, or misdiagnosed with relapse, or a new medical condition'](#) published 9 November 2020 in the Sage Journal, Therapeutic Advances in Psychopharmacology.

This paper outlines the themes emerging from 158 respondents to an open invitation to describe the experience of prescribed psychotropic medication withdrawal for petitions sent to British [Scottish and Welsh] parliaments.

I (Marion Brown - petitioner of PE01651) co-authored this article, which includes and quotes evidence from individual patient experience submissions published for PE01651 (up to end June 2018). This work also includes evidence from submissions published for Stevie Lewis's Welsh Petition. Mark Horowitz provided academic guidance and inclusion of relevant new contextual research.

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<https://prescribeddrug.org/research/>