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200 The Maudsley® Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry CHAPTER 1 The evidence base supporting the use of 'antidotes' is often poor and specific to particular drug-induced problems.^{33,106} The generalisability of results from positive trials is limited by small sample sizes, short trial durations and lack of controlling for confounding factors (age, concurrent medication, antipsychotic switches for reasons other than baseline sexual dysfunction).¹⁰⁶ Comparison of data between studies is further complicated by the use of varying assessment tools to measure outcomes.¹⁰⁷ Drugs such as sildenafil (Viagra) or alprostadil (Caverject) are effective only in the treatment of erectile dysfunction (they have no effect on libido or central arousal). Psychological approaches used by sexual dysfunction clinics may be difficult for clients with mental health problems to engage in.⁹

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