Author's response to reviews

Title: Psychiatric disorders and clinical correlates of suicidal patients admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Tokyo

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Dear Sirs in the BMC Series Editorial Production Team

We present herewith the final manuscript that has incorporated changes indicated by your mail dated on 1 Dec 2010.

Point-by-point changes are listed below.

1. The title in the manuscript has been made identical with that of the submission system by adding "in Tokyo" in its last part.

2. Changes have been made so that the tables are cited in consecutive numerical order in the manuscript.
   The problem was that Table 2 was cited in page 6 prior to the citation of Table 1, which was intended to show major suicidal behavior (SB) types in the description of inquiries about SB. In the final version, the SB types have been listed instead of the abbreviating description that referred to Table 2. However, we are afraid that this change would result in very lengthy description. Therefore, we have deleted the enumeration of other minor SB types. We believe that the enumeration is not necessary since the source of SB type classification used in our study has been added in the manuscript on the basis of a proposal in the mail dated on 9 Nov 2010 by the BMC Psychiatry editor, Dr. Morten Hesse.

   The third paragraph in page 6 has been changed as follows. (The changes are hereafter indicated in red letters.)
   (1) Suicidal Behaviors
   Types of SBs immediately prior to admission and the frequency and period of SBs in the lifetime history of the subjects were recorded. The list of 16 SB types was made on the basis of that of suicide attempts used by Hosaka, et al. in the report of the 2004-2006 Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare supported research. The types of SB such as self-cutting, overdosing or self-poisoning, self-strangulation, jumping from a height, and attempting traffic death, were individually inquired in the first stage of assessment. The next stage was asking the period and the frequency of their occurrence in the lifetime history.

3. In Title page, we have removed "Title:" and "Authors:".

4. In the tables, we have totally removed vertical lines.

5. In Acknowledgement section, we have added one grant-in-aid that supported our study.

   The renewed section in page 17 is as follows.

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We appreciate your meticulous edition work,
Sincerely,

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