Author's response to reviews

Title: Repetition of suicide attempts across episodes of severe depression
Behavioural sensitisation found in suicide group but not in controls

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Cover letter

Thank you for the valuable comments from the reviewer and Associate Editor. We agree that the manuscript needed major revision and that there was a lack of clarity. However, we were able to make a point-by-point revision and address all the points, and you invited us to resubmit if we could do so.

A major difference is that we have added a discussion on kindling/behavioural sensitisation in the study of depression, which is important background to the hypothesis of behavioural sensitisation for suicidal behaviour. The studies on depression are more well-known. We have also excluded (in the conclusion) the sentence about suicide attempts being more common in future suicides, which is well-known and in no way a major finding in the present study. Finally, we have changed the title. Changes are shown in red text in the revised version and exclusions in blue in the original version.

A point-by-point response has been submitted as well.

Hopefully you will find it suitable for publication

Sincerely,

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