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Dear Editors
We are submitting the revised version of the second of two companion manuscripts entitled

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for your consideration for publishing as a research article in BMC Psychiatry.

Following the editors’ requests from 9th January 2011 a native English speaking co-author copy-edited the whole manuscript carefully. We hope now having fully satisfied your requirements.

Regarding the second reviewer’s concerns about the statistical analysis we made some minor, but important, changes in the manuscript (see following reply to the referee):

Reply to referee 2 (C.Dolan)
(Appplies to both papers)
We have removed the last paragraph of the methods section dealing with error rates (“Due to the largely descriptive character … post-hoc analyses.”) from both manuscripts. However, we would like to emphasize once again our previous statement in the statistics section (p. 15) that all post-hoc pairwise comparisons following significant multi-way analyses are adjusted for multiple tests by calculating familywise error rates.
Furthermore, in the results section, we added the statement “(probability level adjusted for multiple tests)” in all relevant paragraphs in order to dispel any remaining doubts. (pp 15-18 in paper 1, and pp 13-25 in paper 2).

Sincerely yours