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Dear Professor Tomoda,

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to ask you to reconsider our manuscript now entitled “A greater number of somatic pain sites is associated with poor mental health in adolescents: a cross-sectional study” for publication in BMC Psychiatry as a Research Article. We greatly appreciate your and the reviewers’ the helpful comments on the original version of our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to those suggestions and comments as follows.

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Editor:
Comment: The revised manuscript has been read by the two reviewers and both recommend publication. Reviewer 4 has a final concern that I think deserves your attention. His comment is very valid and important and I would like you to add your comments to the manuscript before the final submission.

Thank you very much for your valuable advice. Based on your suggestion, we modified our manuscript as below.

Reviewer Kazuhito Yokoyama:
1. Comment: Using subheadings in Results and Discussion seems importunate and unnecessary.

According to the kind advice from the reviewer, we deleted subheadings in Results and Discussion.
2. Comment: Background in Abstract should be more concise.

Based on the kind advice from the reviewer, we made several sentences in Abstract more concise.

Modified sentences:
"Identifying indicators of poor mental health during adolescence is a significant public health issue."

"Previous studies which suggested an association between the number of somatic pains and depression have mainly focused on adults or have employed samples with a narrow age range."

I hope that these revisions have sufficiently addressed the reviewers’ comments. Thank you very much for your kind consideration of our manuscript.

Respectfully yours,

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