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Title: Differences in Treatment between Endogenous and Reactive Depression: From Questionnaires Answered from Over 500 Psychiatrists in Japan

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Dr. Deesha Majithia
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Dear Dr. Majithia:


Briefly, the dominant diagnostic model of the classification of depression today is unitarian; however, since Kurt Schneider introduced the concept of endogenous depression and reactive depression, the binary model has still often been used on a clinical basis. However, to our knowledge, there have been no collective data on how psychiatrists differentiate these two conditions. We therefore conducted a survey to examine how psychiatrists in Japan differentiate patients with MDD who present mainly with endogenous features and those with reactive features.

We found that Japanese psychiatrists distinguish between MDD with endogenous and reactive features, and thus choose different treatment strategies regarding pharmacological (antidepressants, hypnotics, and electroconvulsive therapy) and psychotherapy.

As for the concerns you suggested, we have revised the manuscript as follows: (1) We have provided the ethics statement within the methods section and (2) We have clarified that these 3 case scenarios are imaginary cases which are made up and reviewed for the questionnaire.

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