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Dear Deesha Majithia

We are submitting our manuscript, "Spider phobia is associated with decreased left amygdala volume," for consideration for publication as a research report in *BMC Psychiatry*. For the first time, we measured amygdala volume differences in spider phobic patients without any comorbid diseases and age-matched healthy controls. In the present study, we found marked global reductions of left amygdala volume in spider phobic patients compared to healthy controls. We believe that the results of this study are of general interest, and we would accordingly like to publish them in *BMC Psychiatry*.

The manuscript is not under simultaneous consideration by another publication, and has not been published previously.

Sincerely yours,
Melanie Fisler