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Title: Spider phobia is associated with decreased left amygdala volume

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Dear Editors,

We are re-submitting our manuscript, "Spider phobia is associated with decreased left amygdala volume," for consideration for publication as a research report in BMC Psychiatry. As requested,

- We submit a new version of Figure 4, which should be now visible
- In table 1, we added a new column with the Values of the test of equality of variances (Mann-Whitney-U-Test)
- As we made a mistake with the correlational results, we corrected the correlation between amygdala volume and age/BMI
- We explained why we made different psycho-diagnostic procedures with patients and controls
- The STAI trait was only filled out by patients to control for general anxiety and therefore we could not report these results in healthy controls

Sincerely yours,
Melanie Fisler