Author's response to reviews

Title: Triglycerides as a biological marker for repeat re-hospitalization resulting from deliberate self-harm in acute psychiatry patients: a prospective observational study

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript, “Triglycerides as a biological marker for repeated re-hospitalization resulting from deliberate self-harm in acute psychiatry patients: a prospective observational study” by John Olav Roaldset et al..

The authors are thankful for the reviewers’ comments and have revised the manuscript on the basis of their suggestions. The authors’ responses to the reviewers follow below.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal.

All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to BMC Psychiatry.

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Reviewer’s report (1):

R1-1: “Needs some language corrections before being published”.

Comments: We have used American Journal Experts (www.aje.com) and the “premium editing version”. Since we are not English-speaking, we followed their proofreading. However, we agree with the reviewer that the use of “repeat” instead of “repeated” seems a bit strange.

Change: “Repeat” has been replaced by “repeated” in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer’s report (2):

Minor Essential Revisions:

R2-1: Table 2 showed no one diagnosed with Depressive disorder among the
subjects with DSH-R. However, in the result, it was described that “Eleven of the 18 DSH-R patients had 1 or 2 comorbid psychiatric diagnoses..........., unipolar depression (2), ......... . I thought those described findings to be different. What was the difference between them?

Comment: The diagnoses listed in Table 2 were the main diagnoses; the co-morbid psychiatric diagnoses were not included in the figures. We agree with the reviewer that this was unclear in the revised manuscript.

Changes: Table 2 has been amended to clarify this; main diagnoses has been included as a heading in the table, and a footnote has been added regarding the two comorbid depressions of the DSH-R’s.

R2-2: Inconsistently use of DSH-R and R-DSH.

Change: DSH-R has been used in the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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