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Dear Sir / Madam, editor,

Thank you kindly for the opportunity to resubmit our article ‘Improving communication and practical skills in working with inpatients who self-harm: A pre-test/post-test study of the effects of a training programme’ for BMC Psychiatry.

We, the authors, think this manuscript should be published because for patients as well as health care staff self-harm is a complicated phenomenon. In the training programme described and evaluated in this manuscript, lay experts play an important role. By sharing the content and results of this training programme, this manuscript can help treatment staff to improve the care for these vulnerable patients.

We have made the next revisions:
- We included a title page (pages 1-2)
- We included an abstract (page 3)
- We added an acknowledgement (and have permission to do so) and specified the funding on page 18.

We hope our revisions will be satisfying and look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of all authors,

Sincerely yours, Nienke Kool

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