Author's response to reviews

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To the Editor
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Dear Sir,

I am sending you the revised study ‘Reliability and Cultural Applicability of the Greek Version of the International Personality Disorders Examination.’ by K. Fountoulakis, et al, for judgment and possible publication in the ‘BMC Psychiatry’. The manuscript has been revised according to the recommendations of the referee (prof P Tyrer). The manuscript also fulfils the BioMedCentral manuscript requirements, and has been corrected for language by a native English person. More specifically:

1. The conclusion of the abstract has been changed
2. The cultural concerns are discussed in the discussion (part b)
3. The descriptions of the SCAN and the CIDI were eliminated
4. The 4th paragraph of the methods has been changed
5. Unfortunatelly there are no accurate data concerning which of them were actually in or out-patients during interview. This is also because some of them were interviewed just after release, or their release could be postponed for a day or two in order to be interviewed. However, we do not mean that they never had a DSM-IV axis I diagnosis. We state that they did not fulfilled criteria at interview time, and their axis I disorder was at least in partial remission. This is clearly written in the methods section, 3rd paragraph, line 2.
6. To our knowledge there are no other published studies on the IPDE apart from those included in the reference list. However there are several translations, but are not published.
7. The second sentence in the results has been changed
8. Now, concerning the nosological issues, it is obvious that this is not an epidemiological paper, and we clearly state this. However we feel that it is important to discuss the problems that arise from the vagueness of the criteria before we come to sociocultural issues.

We are looking forward to hear from you.

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Yours sincerely

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