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Dear BMC Editor,

Thank you very much for accepting our paper for publication in BMC psychiatry. We have summarized the changes that have been made below. We are very grateful to the reviewers for once more pointing out issues that needed addressing and feel that the final draft of the manuscript has greatly benefited from such comments.

We agree with the reviewer that the Bonferroni correction we applied (0.05/5=0.01) may not be considered sufficiently conservative, given the high number of tests performed. We have therefore discussed this in the discussion section but we preferred not to use a more conservative threshold, given the importance of the clinical indications that we offer with this study. In fact the results follow specific hypotheses and should not be considered exploratory; moreover the risk of a false negative would have more dangerous clinical implications (i.e. underestimating metabolic risks).

Language - We asked a native English speaking colleague to help us copy-edit the paper.

Ethics –In the Methods section of the manuscript we have added that our research was performed with the approval of the Bologna University ethics committee in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration.