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Dear Ms Lee,

Re: MS # 1444412788119574

Manuscript title: Comparison of pain, cortisol levels, and psychological distress in women undergoing surgical termination of pregnancy under local anesthesia versus intravenous sedation

Authors: Sharain Suliman, Todd Ericksen, Peter W Labuschgne, Renee de Wit, Dan J Stein and Soraya Seedat

Thank you for accepting the above-named manuscript for publication. Our final changes are outlined below.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Table 2: The reviewer has suggested that we use variable names in the table. We have included these.

2. Table 2: The reviewer has noted that we have not been consistent with our use of decimals in this table. We now report all figures to one decimal point

3. The reviewer has pointed out that in the second paragraph on page 19 SAI should be STAI. This has been corrected.

Formatting Changes Requested:

4. Author affiliations have been altered as requested.

5. Manuscript sections: names have been adjusted to conform to formatting requirements: Methodology has become Methods, Declaration of competing interest has become Competing interests; an Abbreviations section has been added after the Conclusions; the Competing interests section has been placed before the Author’s contributions section.

6. Table placement text has been removed.
7. Tables: cells that have been merged to cross rows have been unmerged; coloured text has been removed.

Thank you once again for accepting the manuscript for publication. We hope that these changes are satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

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