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Dear Doctor Alam,

Re: Manuscript 1184896948197653

Thank you for the time to respond to Doctor Kobak’s latest comments. We have implemented his suggested rewording and are grateful for his input. Specifically, we inserted his requested rephrasing in the Discussion, paragraph 3, lines 4 through 11.

Additionally, we have given serious thought to his suggested discretionary revision and have decided not to delve further into this area as we feel that it could be part of an argument for a separate manuscript presently under consideration. In principal, we agree with his observation but feel that it would be better to expand upon it in a later work.

As instructed, we have uploaded the revised manuscript to the BMC website and checked that the files are correctly formatted. Just in case, I have attached copies of the manuscript in both track change and ‘clean’ modes to this email.

Doctor Moore and I hope all our responses to the reviewer’s suggestions will now render this manuscript acceptable for publication in BMC Psychiatry. We would also like to thank Professors Kobak and Flicker along with the BMC editor that reviewed our manuscript for their valuable and instructive comments. Without their guidance this work would not be as strong as it is today.
We remain at your disposal for any and all complimentary information you might require.

With kind regards,

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