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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript ‘A cross-sectional survey of prevalence and correlates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among prisoners in New South Wales, Australia’. We have addressed the reviewer’s and editor’s comments as follows:

- As requested, the first sentence of the second paragraph on page 5 of the manuscript has been revised for clarity. It now reads ‘The high prevalence of suicide risk factors among prisoner populations means that these factors are of limited use in discriminating individuals at risk of suicide attempt.’ Supporting references are provided.

- The associated editor requested that parental incarceration not be reported as a significant correlate in relation to Table 3, because the confidence interval contains 1.00. This change has been made in the results (second paragraph, page 9) and in the discussion (third paragraph, page 12).

Thank you again for this opportunity to submit a revised manuscript. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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