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Revision 2

Dear dr. Mark Todd,

Hereby we resubmit our revised version of our manuscript "Careers in ecstasy use: do ecstasy users cease of their own accord? Implications for intervention development".

We have subjected the manuscript to English language revisions by a native speaker, and in addition to correcting errors, she suggested small improvements that have improved the readability.

I have one question that needs to be addressed before the manuscript can be taken to the next step. In the manuscript, I use Endnote's ability to include a ‘prefix’ or a ‘suffix’ in a citation. One instance is at page 18, where I specify the page from which a quote originates (I have made the prefixes/suffixes red):

These findings also corroborate earlier findings that ecstasy users’ perceptions of ecstasy’s risks approximate "its scientifically recognized risk relative to other drugs" [24, p. 190], and that while acute negative effects may impact drug use, this should not be expected of the possibility of long-term neuro-toxic damage [24].

The other two instances are at page 20:

In addition, many users are willing to neglect application when this interferes with their goals of having a good time [consistent with the hedonistic nature of the dance scene; 35].

Although there are a number of studies into which harm reduction strategies users employ [e.g. 47, 48], there are no studies documenting the effects of these practices.

I assume that the software that you use to process the MS Word files into their HTML and PDF versions will be able to parse this correctly, but I thought that it may be worthwhile to check this with you. Should this pose a problem, then I can of course remove the prefixes/suffixes and place them in parentheses around the citation.

Kind regards, on behalf of all authors,

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