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RE: MS 1710699381103331 Hypnotic Use in A Population-Based Sample of Over Thirty-Five Thousand Interviewed Canadians, Aliya Kassam and Scott B Patten

Dear PHM Editorial Team,

Thank you for confirming that you will publish our paper, "Hypnotic Use in A Population-Based Sample of over Thirty-Five Thousand Interviewed Canadians" in Population Health Metrics. My co-author Scott Patten and I have reviewed the manuscript carefully and have made the changes requested in your e-mail dated 20 November 2006 as well as a few other small changes.

The changes that were made as per your request included the following:

**Qualifications:**
The authors' qualifications were from the manuscript and submissions system. Each author was linked to their corresponding affiliation with the use of superscript numbers.

**Affiliations:**
CANADA was changed to Canada.

**Section headings:**
Sentence case was used for all headings and sub-headings in the manuscript.

**Introduction:**
This section was renamed 'Background'.

**Underlining:**
Underline of any section headings has been removed.

**Table and figure placement text:**
These have been removed.

**Tables:**
These have been moved to after the References.

The additional changes that were made by the authors of the revised file sent by Stanislava Nikolva included the following:

1. In the abstract, "8.5% of those over the age..." was used instead of "8.5% in those over the age..."

2. On page 4 the sentence that starts with "Similarly, if subject characteristics..." now ends with "... confounding with mood or anxiety disorders."

3. At the end of the same paragraph in comment 2 the sentence, "This study included a more detailed..." dropped the phrase referring to WMH 2000 membership. This is because Canada is no longer a member of the World Mental Health initiative therefore reference 24 is obsolete and has been removed.

4. Similar to comment #3, in the second paragraph of the methods section, the first sentence was deleted.
5. In the Results section the beginning of the second sentence was changed to "For this analysis, the total sample..."

Thank you so much again for accepting our publication.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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