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Title: Public beliefs about treatment and outcome of mental disorders: a comparison of Australia and Japan

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We have made the following changes in accordance with the reviewers' recommendations:

Reviewer: Robert Kohn
1. Additional details on the translation of the questionnaire into Japanese have been given on page 6, first paragraph of section on "The Japanese survey".
2. Further details on the Japanese survey methodology are given on page 6 (last paragraph) and page 7 (first paragraph).
3. To allow a judgement of significant differences, 95% CIs have been added for all data in the tables.
4. The tables have been reorganized to allow direct comparison of Japanese and Australian findings in the same table, rather than have separate tables for each country.

Reviewer: Wulf Roessler
1. More information on the reasons for the greater emphasis on hospital care in Japan have been added to the final paragraph of the Background (page 3). We could not locate an article by Manderscheid on this topic, but have added reference to another paper on the subject (Reference 21).
2. Further details have been added to the Method for the Japanese survey, including the method of translation and cultural adaptation and the sampling methodology (pages 6-7). The limitations of the Japanese sampling have been acknowledged on page 11 (Limitations section). We have also acknowledged that some of the interventions are rarely available, although this applies to Australia as well as Japan (page 12, paragraph 1).
3. The issue of cultural differences in interpretation and response to the questionnaire has been elaborated on page 11, final paragraph.
4. No change required.
5. In the final paragraph of the Conclusions (p. 12) we have outlined the future directions we intend to pursue with this work.
6. No change required.
7. No change required.