Author's response to reviews

Title: Using routine clinical and administrative data to produce a dataset of attendances at Emergency Departments following self-harm

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Dear Dr. Mangiameli,

Thank you for considering our manuscript, “Using routine clinical and administrative data to produce a dataset of attendances at Emergency Departments following self-harm” by C. Polling, A. Tulloch, S. Banerjee, R Dutta, S Cross, P Dargan, D. Wood and M Hotopf, and the helpful comments from the two reviewers.

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript. The revisions address the comments of the two reviewers as outlined below.

**Reviewer 1**

We note no compulsory revisions were suggested.

Discretionary Revisions: *In my view the authors have used rather too many acronyms, and the manuscript would be more appealing and easier to read if some them were omitted. For example, is it necessary to use acronyms for each of the hospital names, and also for the electronic health record (EHR)?*

Acronyms for the hospital names and the Biomedical Research Centre for Mental Health have been replaced with the full names.

**Reviewer 2**

We note no major compulsory revisions were suggested.

Minor Essential Revisions

*Page 6 line 27, Was the sample of 200 references for inter-rater reliability Randomly selected?*

This line has been amended to “A sample of the first 200 individuals by numerical study ID, representing 346 ED attendances....”

*Table 2 could include totals by age bracket.*

A totals column has been added.

*Table 2 heading should include “Individuals presenting with self-harm at all four...” if this is what this table reports.*

“with self-harm” has been added to the table title.
Table 4 – *include the statistical significance in the footnote of this table.*

Statistical significances for each comparison added in footnote.

Yours sincerely,

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