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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the acceptance of our paper “Variations in suicide method and occurrence by season and day of the week in Russia and the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Northwestern Russia: a retrospective population-based mortality study.”

Let me hereby resubmit our article. The reviewer’s suggestions and remarks are taken in account in the revised paper. For your convenience, all the changes in the revised manuscript are underlined.

1. The permission to collect the data from NAO was given me according to the cooperation agreement on suicide research with local health authority signed by rector of the Northern State Medical University in Arkhangelsk and Head of the Department of Health in the NAO. #opy of Agreement (Russian) is attached. National data are open and were accessed with support of the Laboratory of Demography of Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia. All the accesses were in accordance with the permissions given for the study by the Regional Ethical Committee.

2. Thank you for the suggestion of alternative source of map of the NAO (Figure 1). New map was taken from Wikimedia Commons: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page.

Unfortunately we still have no response from the previous map owners and skipped the efforts.

I think these clarifications will be enough to that the paper will be of interest to the readers of BMC Psychiatry.
Sincerely,
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