Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor, Anna Clark,

BMC Psychiatry,

Thank you for the detailed and careful corrections of the manuscript BPSY-D-17-00272 entitled "A school-based epidemiological field survey: difficulties in collecting psychiatric outcome data in a middle-income country". We are sending you the new version of the manuscript, which has been revised according to the suggestions.

Our position and thoughts regarding the comments of the two reviewers are described below.
Sincerely Yours,

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1. In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether informed consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. Please note that in the case of minors, members of a study are not capable of providing ethical consent to participate for themselves. As research for this manuscript includes minors as participants, we would expect a parent or legal guardian to provide consent to participate in their stead. Please add a statement to the Ethics approval and consent to participate subheading to reflect that the parents or legal guardians of these participants provided consent on their behalf.

We have added the following, on page 9, line 179: “The research goals were explained to both the youth and to his/her caregiver. Assent was obtained verbally from the youth and informed consent was obtained in writing from the caregivers (parents or legal guardians), on behalf of the youth.”

2. Please change the statement under the Availability of data and materials heading in the Declarations section so that it appears as “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request after approval by the principal investigator (SSM).”

We have included this statement on page 21, line 458.

3. Please remove the response to reviewers from the file inventory, as it is no longer needed at this stage of the editorial process.

We have made this change.
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We have made this change.