Author’s response to reviews

Title: Brain donation in psychiatry: results of a Dutch prospective donor program among psychiatric cohort participants

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Dear mr. Hickey,

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to resubmit our revised manuscript titled “Brain donation in psychiatry: results of a Dutch prospective donor program among psychiatric cohort participants” for consideration of publication in BMC Psychiatry.

We would like to thank the reviewers and yourself as editor for your thorough assessment of our work. We have carried out the revisions as requested in the revised manuscript. We hope that our revisions are satisfactory.

Please find below our point-by-point response to each of the four points, together with the changes that we have made in our manuscript.

We look forward receiving your reply.

On behalf of the authors,
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> Declarations section, Ethics approval and consent to participate, page 14, line 336-337 ‘from participants who registered as brain donor, written informed consent was obtained’ was inserted after ‘e.g. informed consent form’.

Line 335: MREC was replaced by Medical Research and Ethics Committee. Free university (translated from Dutch ‘Vrije Universiteit’) was replaced by VU University. Amsterdam was added (line 336).

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> page 17, line 404 we added a section Figure legends. line 405-409: I added the figure numbers and titles.

I hope it is not a problem that the figure titles were also already in the manuscript text (line 202 and 210,211). If I should delete the figure titles there, please let me know.