Author’s response to reviews

Title: Study approach and field work procedures of the MentDis_ICF65+ project on the prevalence of mental disorders in the older adult European population

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Dear Prof. Matthew Hickey

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit a revision of our manuscript entitled “Study approach and field work procedures of the MentDis_ICF65+ project on the prevalence of mental disorders in the elderly European population”. We have revised the manuscript according to your feedback, and herewith submit our revised manuscript to BMC Psychiatry on behalf of all authors.

We address each comment in the following:

1. Thank you for providing an Ethics and consent for participation heading, please list the full, unabbreviated name of all ethics review boards that approved of your study. In addition, please clarify whether informed consent obtained from participants was written or verbal.

Author reply: Herewith we provide details of research ethics committees in all six study centres. Written informed consent was obtained from all participants. We have added this information in the “Ethics approval” section, page 20, lines 520-527.

- Germany: Hamburg Ethic Committee of the Medical Association No. 2895
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Author reply: Thank you for this clarification. We have corrected this accordingly.

3. Thank you for including a Funding heading for the Declarations section. Please also state the roles of the funding bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Author reply: The funding body did not play any role in the design of the study, collection, analysis and interpretation of data nor in writing of this manuscript. We have added this information in the funding section, page 21, lines 536-539.

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Author reply: We have added a detailed Authors’ contribution description in the Authors’ contributions section, mentioning all authors of the manuscript and using their initials, page 21, lines 542- 549.

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Author reply: We have included a figure legends section for Figures 1 and 2 after the reference section.
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Author reply: We have made all changes to the manuscript as described above and submit one single clean copy with no highlighted changes.

We hope that we have addressed all points appropriately and that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Psychiatry and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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