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Dear Editor in Chief,

RE: A RESPONSE TO REVISION REQUESTED FOR MY SUBMISSION TO BMC PSYCHIATRY - BPSY-D-18-00327R1

We appreciate the support you and the reviewers have rendered us in the course of pursuing our objective of publicizing the important results of our study. We are also grateful for this opportunity to respond to yours’ and the reviewer’s comments as we implement your edits and recommendations in the current draft of the manuscript as described in the subsequent narrative. The editor in chief and reviewers’ comments and recommendations have greatly enhanced the quality of manuscript thus far.
Comments from the editor and reviewers:

Birgit Vollm (Reviewer #1):

In the abstract: It is said in the Results section that 82% "of these" had one or more diagnoses. However, 82% of 354 is not 338. Please correct either the figure or the %, or do you mean 82% of the total.

We thank the reviewer for noting this discrepancy. We have made all the necessary changes in the results section of the abstract on page 2 line 44.

Footnote f: Insert "are" between "that" and "readily".

We are grateful for the reviewer pointing the need for this addition and bearing this in mind, we implemented this recommendation on page 7.

Footnote g: Remove "under".

We thank the reviewer for making this recommendation and we consequently effected it on page 8.

Reviewer #2:

In the ethics approval and consent to participate statement, please confirm whether the consent you obtained from study participants was written or verbal. If verbal consent was obtained, please clearly state this and if this was approved by the ethics committee.

We appreciate this comment and we have made all revisions for better clarity in the declaration section under the ethics approval and consent to participate subsection on page 19 line 291.

In accordance with our Submission Guidelines (https://bmcpsychiatry.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript#preparing+tables), please do not include colour or shading in Tables.

We are grateful to the reviewer for pointing out this editorial error and we have amply addressed it under the results section on pages 9, 12 and 14.

Overall we are thankful for the efforts and support you have given to us so far as it was all very helpful and has significantly improved our manuscript. We have noted all comments by the reviewers and have made the all necessary revisions, edits and changes as per the reviewers’ recommendations.