Author’s response to reviews

Title: Consortium on Vulnerability to Externalising Disorders and Addictions (cVEDA): A developmental cohort study protocol

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From,

Dr Eesha Sharma
Assistant Professor
Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry,
To,

Dr Darren Byrne
Editor
BioMed Central

Dear Dr Byrne,

I am, hereby, re-submitting the revised manuscript titled “Consortium on Vulnerability to Externalising Disorders and Addictions (cVEDA): A developmental cohort study protocol” for consideration by BMC Psychiatry. This paper describes the cVEDA study protocol and methods. This has been drafted as a reference paper for future publications from the study. All authors approve of the manuscript. It has neither been published nor is under review elsewhere. Kindly consider it for publication in your esteemed journal. We have incorporated changes to the manuscript as suggested by the email communication dated 23.10.2019.

Please note responses below to the comments made by the BMC Psychiatry editorial office.

Sincerely,

Eesha Sharma

Responses to comments from the BMC Psychiatry editorial team

Technical comments:

1. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

Response: Email addresses for all authors and their affiliations have been provided on the title page

2. Please state in the cover letter whether the map depicted in figure 4 and the whole figure 2 are your own or taken from another source. If taken from another source please acknowledge the source in the figure legend, and if it is under copyright also state the written permission given to
use and adapt it. If the above conditions are not met the image needs to be removed. Please note the editors may request proof of permission at any time.

Response: Figure 2 has been prepared by one of the contributing authors (JH). The source for the map of India in Figure 4 has been mentioned in the figure legend.

The resolution of Figures 2 and 4 are also not adequate for publication.

Response: Images with better resolution have been uploaded.

Editor’s comments

1. In accordance with BioMed Central editorial policies (http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#standards+of+reporting), could you please ensure your manuscript reporting adheres to STROBE guidelines (http://www.strobe-statement.org/) for reporting observational research. This is so your methodology can be fully evaluated and utilised. Can you please include a completed STROBE checklist as an additional file when submitting your revised manuscript.

Response: Completed STROBE Checklist included as an additional file. Since the submitted manuscript is a protocol paper, components under the Results and Discussion sections of the STROBE checklist are not applicable to this paper. The same has been depicted in the checklist document.

2. Please include in the funding statement a note to the effect that the protocol has been peer-reviewed by the funding bodies.

Response: Included