Author's response to reviews

Title: Does parental monitoring moderate the relationship between bullying and adolescent nonsuicidal self-injury and suicidal behavior? A community-based self-report study of adolescents in Germany

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Dear editors,

Thank you very much for the feedback on our manuscript. After the first revision, one reviewer still expressed a point of criticism that she deemed to be crucial for a second revision. Please find our response below.

"Figure 1 is not clear and the interpretation provided does not help. Figures should be readily interpreted and should summarize the findings. This is not the case for Figure 1."

The reviewer’s proposed histogram for the relationship between bullying and NSSI and SB stratified by parental monitoring was not adequate because it would illustrate the data but not the results of the regression, particular the interesting interaction. For showing the described complex interactional effects, the original illustration is inevitable; in addition, the way we presented the results in figure 1 is a very common way that can be found in the majority of papers presenting two-way interactions from regression models.

However, for enhancing comprehensibility, we added the fourth category to the figure (in order to present all possible categories) and described its content in more detail in the results section. In addition, the figure legend was extended to ensure that the graph can be understood when standing alone.

We hope that, with our better explanation, figure 1 can now be accepted by the reviewer and the editors. In case that there are strongly different opinions among the editors, we would be grateful for further guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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