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Prof. Bjorn R Olsen/Dr Ti-Fei Yuan
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Dear Dr. Olsen/Dr Yuan

Sub: Submission of revised manuscript (R2) towards consideration for publication as a Research Article in Journal of Negative Results in BioMedicine

We thank you for having our manuscript reviewed by two reviewers who are renowned experts in the field. We thank the reviewers for accepting the revisions that we have made in response to their comprehensive suggestions to improve our manuscript.

We are herewith submitting the revised version (R2) of the manuscript in “Track-changes” mode after making the following suggested change by Prof Ebdrup:

--On page no. 5, line 13, life-time substance abuse was added as an additional factor contributing to inconsistency of brain morphometric findings in schizophrenia; the relevant reference was also added as Ref 22 (Ebdrup et al., 2010, Journal of Psychiatry and Neuroscience). Accordingly the numbers of the subsequent citations have been modified.

We thank Prof Ebdrup and Prof Torres once again for their very constructive suggestions.
Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,

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