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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 (R3) towards consideration for publication as a Research Article in Journal of Negative Results in BioMedicine

We thank you for your kind acceptance of our manuscript referenced above. We are herein submitting the revised version (R3) of the manuscript with the following changes as suggested by you:

1. All tracked changes and highlighted text have been removed.
2. The email addresses of all authors are now included in the submission system and in the title page.
3. Keywords have been removed.
4. The full name of the Institute ethics body is provided on pp no. 22 as “National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Human Ethics Committee”.
5. A Conclusions section (with subtitle) is added on pp no. 21-22, stating the main conclusions of the research and explanation of their importance and relevance.
6. A list of abbreviations used in the manuscript and their expansions are provided after the Conclusions section on pp no. 22-24.

We have also made additional minor corrections to the manuscript (grammatical errors, missing words, etc.) and Supplementary Material: deleted Supplementary Figure S-1 which was not referred to in the main manuscript and re-numbered the other figures, which we would be happy to send as tracked changes, if required. Additionally, we would like to check with you whether the title of the manuscript could be modified as follows, to perhaps emphasize the point that we are trying to highlight in this manuscript: “Are demonstrable structural brain morphometric alterations a hallmark of schizophrenia?”

A systematic analysis of brain volumetric abnormalities in remitted schizophrenia using voxel-based, surface-based, and region-of-interest-based morphometric analysis.

Of course, if the Editors and reviewers feel that the original title should be retained, we are absolutely fine with that too.

Thanking you once again,
Yours sincerely,

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