Author’s response to reviews

Title: Association among Dispositional Mindfulness, Self-Compassion, and Leukocyte Telomere Length in Chinese Adults

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Subject: SUBMISSION OF A MANUSCRIPT FOR EVALUATION

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Dear Dr. Hickey,

We are pleased to resubmit our manuscript, “Dispositional Mindfulness, Self-Compassion, and Leukocyte Telomere Length in Chinese Adults” for consideration of publication in BMC Psychology. We are pleased to hear that the manuscript is potentially acceptable for publication, following completion of the required revisions. Once again, we appreciate the helpful comments that you and the reviewers have provided to help improve the quality of the manuscript.

We have now addressed the comments you raised in the revised manuscript. Below, we present each of the comments (in bold) and our responses to them, describing in each case how we modified the manuscript. We hope these revisions will satisfactorily address your concerns.

Thank you for your kind review of our work. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Responses to the Editor

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

"Association among self-compassion, childhood invalidation, and borderline personality disorder symptomatology in a Singaporean sample"

https://bpded.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40479-017-0075-3

This overlap mainly exists in the Methods sections.

While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in this publication, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could reformulate in your own words the overlap between your manuscript and this source, where possible. Please be sure to reference our previous publication in this section.

Thank you for highlighting and bringing this issue to our attention. We should have been more careful to check and re-paraphrase any information that overlapped with our previous work. In the revised manuscript, we have re-paraphrased the section where there was textual overlap, particularly the section describing the Self-Compassion Scale. We will also be mindful of not repeating the same mistake in any future submission or write-ups.

2. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please be sure to confirm that written consent was obtained, as indicated in the Methods.

We have now indicated in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section that written consent was acquired from all participants.

3. In the funding section, please also state the role of the funding body in the design of the study, collection, analysis, interpretation of data, and in writing the manuscript.

We have now indicated the role of the funding body in these different aspects of the study. Specifically, we highlighted that the funding body was not involved in any of the aspects of the study noted above.

4. Please reformat your References and in-text citations according to our submission guidelines:

- All references, including URLs, must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text, followed by any in tables or legends.
- The in-text citations should use the reference number in brackets, [1], rather than the author name and publication date, (Eriksson et al., 1998).

The references and in-text citations have been reformatted in accordance with the journal’s submission guidelines.

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