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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting manuscript aimed to identified participants' level of awareness and opinion about the current situation of forensic mental health in Japan, and how it can be changed through psychoeducation. The article is well written, clearly explained and includes all the element required to be published, so there are no comments related to its content. Methodology is simple but the implications of the results are extremely valuable as they can reduce stigma associated to mental disorders and also may promote early identification and treatment in persons with severe mental disorders. The roles of social media is very well described in this paper and also should increase awareness in people of how this social media affects vulnerable populations. Hope to see further research of this tem, including other populations; research in this área is extremely necessary nowadays.

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This paper needs major revision. It describes a small study and therefore needs to be considerably shortened and it needs major English language editing. I have evaluated it as "Fair". The authors need to clearly explain who the audience was, how was it advertised, how many fully answered both questionnaires. How did the authors deal statistically with unanswered questions? The result cannot be generalized to people who are not attending a voluntary seminar (ie who are already motivated to find out more about the topic). Instead of using the term "criminal responsibility", they need to explain that they are talking about the concept of mental disability leading to diminished responsibility for a committed crime. They need to state clearly at the outset what the Japanese law is on criminal responsibility and to omit US and UK in the intro because legislation varies by jurisdiction.