

Dear BPG editorial office and Science Editor,

Connecting brain and body: transdiagnostic relevance of connective tissue variants to neuropsychiatric symptom expression

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Thank you kindly for the conditional acceptance of the above-mentioned manuscript and for the Peer Reviewer and Editor's comments. Please find for your consideration a revised manuscript which we re-submit to the World Journal of Psychiatry.

We noted that on 12th March the manuscript type was changed from 'review' to 'systematic review'. Please may we emphasise that this manuscript is a narrative review and as such PRISMA guidelines are not applicable.

We have made changes to the manuscript to address in full the issues highlighted. These changes are summarised below:

- 1) We have added the *Author Contributions* section.
- 2) We have amended the *Supportive Foundations* section. This study had no specific grant or funding support and therefore approved grant application forms are not needed.
- 3) We have received written permission from Dr Alan Hakim for re-using the 'Five-point screening questionnaire for detecting hypermobility' (Hakim A, Grahame R. Joint hypermobility. *Best Pract Res Clin Rheumatol*. 2003 Dec;17(6):989-1004. [PMID: 15123047 DOI: 10.1016/j.berh.2003.08.001.]). We attach a copy of email correspondence with Dr Hakim.
- 4) We have removed 3 references to our own work and hence we can confirm the self-referencing rate is less than 10%.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely

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