

Dear editor,

Strictly followed the reviewer's comments, we have revised our manuscript accordingly. Major changes can be found highlighted throughout the manuscript. A point-to-point response letter was attached below.

Reviewer 1:

1. Suicide ideation is better if suicidal ideation. After abbreviation, this does no more matter. In Introduction, it is presented correctly.

Response: Thank you for this important comment. We have made “suicide ideation (SI)” spelling consistent in the revised manuscript.

2. In Abstract, CTQ, PA, EA, SA, PN and EN are not abbreviated first. Please abbreviate.

Response: Thank you for pointing it out. We have corrected this. Please see in the results section of the revised abstract, highlighted.

3. MATERIEL AND METHODS put as MATERIALS AND METHODS

Response: Thank you for pointing it out. We are sorry about this careless mistake. We have corrected the spelling.

4. In Participants, 4) Refuse to participate turn to 4) Refused to participate

Response: Thank you for this important comment. We have revised this.

5. In Measures, The quality of the finished questionnaire will be checked on the site immediately... should be The quality of the finished questionnaire was checked on the site immediately.

Response: Thank you for this important comment. We have revised this. Kindly see in Measures sessions, highlighted.

6. In Perceived Social Support, The Cronbach's α of CASSS should be either Cronbach's α of CASSS or The Cronbach α of CASSS. The same problem exists in Depression and Anxiety

Response: Thank you for this professional suggestion. We have revised this wrong expression throughout the manuscript.

7. In Discussion, why didn't you cite Janiri D, De Rossi P, Kotzalidis GD, Girardi P, Koukopoulos AE, Reginaldi D, Dotto F, Manfredi G, Jollant F, Gorwood P, Pompili M, Sani G. Psychopathological characteristics and adverse childhood events are differentially associated with suicidal ideation and suicidal acts in mood disorders. Eur Psychiatry. 2018;53:31-36. doi: 10.1016/j.eurpsy.2018.05.009. Epub 2018 Jun 4

Response: Thank you for this valuable suggestion. We totally agree that this paper is pertinent to our discussion, and we should cite it. Please see

paragraph 2 of the discussion, together with reference 34, highlighted.

8. You should also discuss a limitation, i.e., you did not investigate the source of abuse/neglect in your sample.

Response: Thank you for this professional comment. We have acknowledged this as a limitation in our revised manuscript. Please see paragraph 5 in the discussion, highlighted

9. One might wonder how is it possible that an abusing parent could offer at years of distance an effective parental support.

Response: Thank you for this professional comment. We totally agree that this suspicion may exist to the readers. However, based on analytical results, the mediation of parental SS is only significant for emotionally maltreated children and adolescents. Emotional maltreatment is usually non-violent, not like physical maltreatment, especially emotional neglect (EN), the most prevalent type of childhood maltreatment in our study sample. As emotional maltreatment is usually prone to subjective judgement of the victims, it is highly possible that, for self-reported victims of emotional maltreatment, especially those who reported EN, from the perspective of their parents, they may never intend to commit this kind of maltreatment, what they had done were probably careless mistakes caused by a lot of reasons, for instance, poor communication

with the children, inferior parenting skills, low education level, etc. Therefore, deep down inside their heart, they still love and care about their children, under this situation, after they have realized their past mistakes, I believe they will be willing to offer effective parental support. Of course, the above theory is just a reasonable deduction, you have raised a very interesting issue, which I think is worthy of further investigation in our subsequent studies.

10. Also, put a paragraph to specify what is mediation and in what it differs from moderation. Better if in Introduction.

Response: Thank you for this professional comment. We have inserted several sentences to specify the definitions of mediation and moderation, together with their difference. Please see in paragraph 4 of the introduction, highlighted.