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- Date: 6/19/2019
- Re: Brent, David A., et al. "Predictors of spontaneous and systematically assessed suicidal adverse events in the treatment of SSRI-resistant depression in adolescents (TORDIA) study." American Journal of Psychiatry 166.4 (2009): 418-426

The Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire- Jr. (Reynolds WM, Mazza JJ, 1999) consists of 15 items each scored on a seven-point scale from 0 ("I never had this thought") to 6 (Almost every day"). A total score ranging from 0 to 90 is calculated as the sum of each item. "Clinically significant" suicidal ideation is defined as a total score greater or equal to 31.

In our database, we incorrectly coded each item on a 1 to 7 scale, which inflated the total score by 15 points. Therefore, the means and the cut-point for "clinically significant" suicidal ideation we reported are incorrect. Corrections are below:

1) Page 419

Reported: "we report on the predictors of suicidal and nonsuicidal self-injury adverse events in the Treatment of SSRI Resistant Adolescent Depression (TORDIA) study, in which nearly 60% of participants who entered this clinical trial had clinically significant suicidal ideation"

Corrected: "we report on the predictors of suicidal and nonsuicidal self-injury adverse events in the Treatment of SSRI Resistant Adolescent Depression (TORDIA) study, in which nearly 40% of participants who entered this clinical trial had clinically significant suicidal ideation"

2) Page 421 - Table 1

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	No Event (N=266)		Ideation or Attempt Only		Nonsuicidal Self-Injury only		Nonsuicidal Self-Injury				
			(N=37)		(N=20)		(N=11)		Analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire	38.3	20.7	56.0	22.4	54.9	26.9	48.5	25.1	F=10.47	3,324	< 0.001

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	No Event (N=266)						Ideation or Attempt and				
			Ideation or Attempt Only (N=37)		Nonsuicidal Self-Injury only (N=20)		Nonsuicidal Self-Injury (N=11)				
									Analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire	23.5	20.7	41.0	22.4	39.9	26.9	33.5	25.1	F=10.47	3,324	< 0.001

3) Page 421

Reported: "those with nonsuicidal self-injury only compared to those with no events had higher suicidal ideation (54.9 [26.9] versus 38.3 (20.7), t=2.64, df=19.6, p=0.02)"

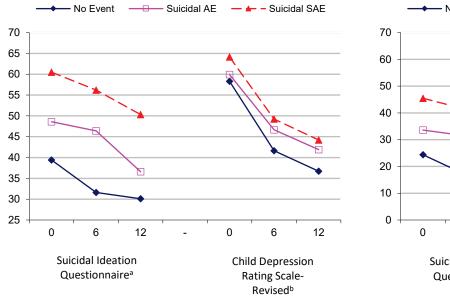
Corrected: "those with nonsuicidal self-injury only compared to those with no events had higher suicidal ideation (39.9 [26.9] versus 23.3 (20.7), t=2.64, df=19.6, p=0.02)"

4) Page 422

Reported: "meaning that participants with higher than median baseline suicidal ideation (Suicide Ideation Questionnaire score \geq 35)"

Corrected: "meaning that participants with higher than median baseline suicidal ideation (Suicide Ideation Questionnaire score ≥ 20)"

5) Page 423 – Figure 1



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