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Re: Brent, David, et al. "The incidence and course of depression in bereaved youth 21 months after

the loss of a parent to suicide, accident, or sudden natural death." American Journal of

Psychiatry 166.7 (2009): 786-794.

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) Table 2. Current Diagnoses and Symptoms in 7–25-Year-Old Offspring 21 Months After the Death of a Parent and in Nonbereaved Comparison Offspring

Reported

	Parental Death Due to Suicide (53 offspring)		Parental Death Due to Accident (44 offspring)		Parental Death Due to Sudden Natural Cause (79 offspring)		Comparison Offspring (168 offspring)				
									Analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	F	df	р
Suicidal Ideation	21	9	19	5	23	15	20	12	1.2	3,310	0.29
Questionnaire-JR											
(child) or Suicidal											
Ideation Questionnaire											
(adult)											

Corrected

			Parental Death		Parental Death						
	Parental Death [Due	Due to		Due to Sudden		Comparison			
	Due to Suicide		Accident		Natural Cause		Offspring				
	(53 offsp	ring)	(44 offspring)		(79 offspring)		(168 offspring)		Analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	F	df	р
Suicidal Ideation	6	9	4	5	8	15	5	12	1.2	3,310	0.29
Questionnaire-JR											
(child) or Suicidal											
Ideation Questionnaire											
(adult)											

2) Table 3. Correlates of Depression Occurring in 7–25-Year-Old Offspring Between 9 and 21 Months After the Death of a Parent and in Nonbereaved Comparison Offspring

Reported

	No Depression (N=307)		Depre				
			(N=35)		Analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	df	р
Suicidal Ideation	20.1	9.2	29.3	16.2	-3.2	34.4	0.003

Corrected

	No Depression (N=307)		Depres (N=3		Analysis			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	df	р	
Suicidal Ideation	5.1	9.2	14.3	16.2	-3.2	34.4	0.003	