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# Investigating Psychological Mechanisms in Relation to Sleep Problems and Suicide

Response to McCall. Mediators between sleep problems and suicide: response to Littlewood et al. *J Clin Sleep Med* 2016;12(6):929.

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We thank Dr. McCall for his comments<sup>1</sup> and support of our work.<sup>2</sup> We wish to clarify that when we referred to previous work having "not elucidated the psychological mechanisms which underpin" the relationship between sleep problems and suicide, we did not intend to suggest that no work had been conducted in this area. Rather, our perspective is that a comprehensive and testable account of mediating psychological processes remains to be fully articulated. We are very familiar with the important work of Dr McCall and colleagues<sup>3-6</sup> and agree that longitudinal and interventional studies are the next logical steps.

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