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Title: The Association of Psychiatric Comorbidity and Use of the Emergency Department among Persons with Substance Use Disorders: An Observational Cohort Study

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Dear Dr. Manning,

My colleagues and I very much appreciate the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript, “The association of psychiatric comorbidity and the use of the emergency department among persons with substance use disorders: An observational cohort study.” In the attached document, we address the comments from the reviewer. We first restate the comment from the reviews *in italics* then provide a response.

Again, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to resubmit the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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1. Abstract: *ED abbreviator (Emergency Department) has to be defined, in 2nd line (the first time that is appears).*

We have made the change.

2. *Methods section, (page 4, line 18), the authors state that the diagnoses were done according to the DSM criteria, but in page 5, line 20, they provide diagnosis according to ICD-9.*

When the administrative dataset was made, the psychiatric diagnoses were re-coded as ICD-9 codes (to match the coding of the other diagnoses). We now make this clear in the manuscript.


We have reviewed the tables and they are good to go.