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Dear Dr. Henderson,

We are pleased to submit the third version of the manuscript entitled “Social adaptability and substance abuse: Predictors of depression among hemodialysis patients?” for consideration as an original paper in BMC Nephrology.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to hear the opinion of Dr. Goldfarb-Rumyantzev about our study. In this current version, we addressed the main point on which the reviewers agree: the necessity to run separately in logistic regression (1) total SAI, (2) SAI without the substance abuse item, (3) substance abuse index alone, and (4) substance abuse as categorical variable (yes/no). We did so, as seen in the Abstract (page 2, last sentence in Methods, last sentence in Results); last paragraph of page 4; last paragraph of page 5; Results on page 6; and also in Tables 1, 3 and 4.

We did not make any changes regarding the requests classified as optional by Dr. Goldfarb-Rumyantzev.

Finally, we wish to thank Dr. Goldfarb-Rumyantzev for the suggestions concerning several possibilities for further studies. We intend to perform studies into these points very soon.
All new parts are highlighted in yellow to facilitate identification of the changes.

Yours sincerely,

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