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Dear Editor

Enclosed is our revised manuscript (MS: 8558458611197573; Increased risk of major depression subsequent to a first-attack and non-infection caused urticaria in adolescence: A nationwide population-based study). We appreciate your comments regarding our submission to “BMC Pediatrics”, and we have made revisions to this manuscript.

Below are our replies to your comments:

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Answer: Yes, we have added the list of abbreviations.

We hope that you will find the revised manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Pediatrics. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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