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Title: Depression, Suicidal Ideation, and Associated Risk Factors: A Cross-Sectional Study in Rural Haiti

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Dear Catherine Olino,

We thank you and the two reviewers for your thorough review of our manuscript. We have acted on nearly all of your recommendations because we agree with you that these improve the quality of the manuscript. In particular, we:

• Adjusted the introduction to include more relevant literature regarding depression and suicide in low- and middle-income countries, as well as relevant study variables.

• Significantly reworked the discussion to provide a more balanced consideration of the main factors associated with depression and suicide, as well as implications for interventions.

• Incorporated description of the study setting and BDI transcultural adaptation process in the methods.

• Included a detailed description of study variables in a supplementary table.

Please find our responses to your specific comments below.

Thank you again,

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