Author's response to reviews

Title: Association between infection early in life and the risk of mental disorders among youth in the community: a cross-sectional study

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Dear Miss Gallears,

Enclosed please find our revised Manuscript MS: 2134732844124856, “Association between infection early in life and the risk of mental disorders among youth in the community: a cross-sectional study,” with revisions as requested for publication in *BMC Public Health*. We appreciate the helpful comments and suggestions by the editors and reviewers. We have addressed their concerns in the revision. Below we have outlined specific changes made to the manuscript.

Editorial office:

1. **Abstract:** We have now properly structured the abstract according to the requirements of *BMC Public Health*. We have also ensured that the abstract in the manuscript is the same as the abstract on the submission system.

2. **Author’s contributions:** We added the following statement about the author’s contributions to the paper on page 10: “RG conceived of the study, created its design, wrote the manuscript, and performed the statistical analysis.”

3. **Manuscript structure:** Our manuscript now follows the correct structure required for *BMC Public Health* and for the article type.

Reviewer 1 did not make further suggestions.

Reviewer 2 suggested adding a footnote to Table 1 expressing that the odds ratios are unadjusted. We have added this footnote to Table 1.

Thank you,

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