Reviewer’s report

Title: The relationship of living arrangements and depressive symptoms among older adults in sub-Saharan Africa

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This revised manuscript has successfully addressed the concerns raised on its initial submission and improved in clarity and essential details. There are two Minor Essential Revisions, though.

• Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

#1. (1.4 points, 95% CI: -0.7, 3.5) [p. 10]
I think % or percentage is missing.
Also be consistent in either “% point” or “percentage point” throughout the manuscript.

#2. No distinction with respect to the specific biological relationships of the household members to the older person were made since an exclusive focus on the parent/child bond when considering the living arrangements of older people is inappropriate in developing country contexts where strong community [p. 6]

… were made since -> … was made since
This sentence could also be improved to be more readable. It is way too long. Consider splitting.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.