Author's response to reviews

Title: Rural residence is not a risk factor for frequent mental distress: a behavioral risk factor surveillance survey

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Response to Reviewer

General

This is an interesting paper addressing mental health in Texas by three levels of rurality. I applaud the authors development of this variable in BRFSS and would encourage them to examine other chronic conditions and behavioral factors using this method.

Response: Thank you. We will do so.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

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Minor Essential Revisions

Please define "good mental health" and "frequent mental distress" in the results section of the abstract. Please include a sentence or two on the question of interest (i.e. does FMD vary by level of rurality?) in the conclusions of the abstract.

Response: Done.

Briefly define FMD on page 4 last paragraph of intro.

Response: Done.

Please add "or natural disasters" next to terrorist attacks on page 9 first full paragraph.

Response: Done.

Please add a description as to why the most seriously mentally ill are likely to be missed by this survey (page 10, second line).

Response: Done.
Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Please put a comma after demographic characteristics in the methods section of the abstract.

Response: Done.

When you put two AORS or two prevalences in parenthesis, please put ", respectively" [i.e. (29.4% and 35.6%, respectively)].

Response: Done.