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Reviewer: Phyllis Montgomery

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the above titled manuscript. The premise that “substantiation and deconstruction” of urban message for rural residents is worthwhile.

Overall, I found it interesting, concise and novel in its direction to promote mental health awareness campaigns in smaller communities.

Most of my comments are editorial in nature.

1. First paragraph, place the comma within the quotation brackets
2. Third paragraph, recommend that the sentence beginning with however be re-worded as seems awkward.
3. Paragraph above methods section, place a comma after rural and city populations[,]
4. First paragraph in methods section, please identify AGSC
5. Paragraph beginning respondents were asked … please use a hyphen in the phrase ‘self-rate’. In same paragraph, please elaborate included the inclusion of this self-rated health status questionnaire. What are the psychometric qualities of the measures.
6. In the section depression vignettes, the sentence beginning with “the pattern of findings …”seems awkward.
7. Please clarify the last sentence in the paragraph above the discussion of the depression section.
8. Page 15, last paragraph beginning with the finding that the prevalence … please insert a space after [25]
9. Under the section “Schizophrenia” please clarify the meaning of “first-line” evidence. Place a period before the sentence “The person …” In same paragraph, “ … that antipsychotic medications as [are] important tools …”
10. In paragraph avoid section “Awareness and experience of depression …” please place punctuation within the quotations. Please re-work the last sentence
Well done.