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Dear Editor

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Thank you for considering the above manuscript and for the reviewers’ additional comments.

We have made the suggested discretionary changes as follows:

1. We have restructured the last paragraph of “Difficulties with written communication” and the first paragraph of “Difficulties with spoken communication” as suggested.
2. We have added examples of causal pathways between literacy related stigma and poor health (“Discussion” first paragraph).
3. We have adjusted Table 2 as suggested.
4. We have added a comment on the greater proportion of women in the sample (“Strengths and weaknesses of the study” paragraph 3).

We now submit a revised manuscript. We hope you like the revision, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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