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Title: Impact of briefly-assessed depression on secondary prevention outcomes after acute coronary syndrome: a one-year longitudinal survey

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"ACS patients" has been changed to "patients with ACS" throughout the manuscript.

Background - 3rd paragraph
"the" has been deleted from the following sentence: "Depressed cases from either scale were combined for (the) analysis".

Results - Health advice, etc. - 3rd paragraph
A 95% CI has been rounded down to 3.2 from 3.24 in the following sentence: "Logistic regression determined ..... even when controlling for age and sex (OR=2.0, 95% CI 1.2-3.2, p=0.008)."

Results - psychosocial outcomes - 3rd paragraph
"people" has been changed to "person" in the following sentence: "Patients reported living with a median of 1 (IQR 1-2) other person"

Results - Depression status - 2nd paragraph
The word "increase" has been inserted into the results of the following sentence: "Controlling for baseline depression, age (OR=0.97 for 1 year increase, 95% CI 0.94-0.996, p=0.025) was a significant predictor of one-year depression"

Discussion - Secondary prevention profile.... - 1st paragraph
In the final sentence, we have changed "no" to "little": "Since proportions taking both aspirin and lipid-lowering medications did not change, there is little evidence to suggest..."

Discussion - Impact of depression - 4th paragraph
We have inserted the phrase "data not shown" to clarify the following sentence: "Baseline depressed cases were less likely to feel better, but this relationship became marginal when controlling for gender (supporting a hypothesis of worse psychosocial outcomes for women post-ACS - data not shown)."
Discussion - Scale comparison

We inserted the word "independently" to clarify the following sentence: "Neither scale independently predicted perceived health ratings at one year."

Table 1

The median and IQR of number of cigarettes smoked per day are now both on the same line, instead of separate lines.