Author’s response to reviews

Title: To what extent is multi-morbidity associated with new onset depression in patients attending cardiac rehabilitation?

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1. Overlap

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Our response - 1) The methods section summarized and the source has been cited as recommended. Overlapped sections have been reformulated.

2. Ethics approval and consent to participate

In your ethics approval and consent to participate section, please expand NACR to National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Our response - 2) In ethics approval and consent to participate section, NACR has been expanded to National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation as recommended.

3. Availability of Data and Materials

We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data. Please clarify who should be contacted if someone wants to request the data.

We suggest updating your Availability of data and materials statement to include “Data are however available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of [third party name].”

Additionally, please expand NACR to National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation

Our response - 3) A statement regarding availability of the data and materials has been expanded and explained. NACR has been expanded to National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation.

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In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript. If they had no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript please clearly state this.
Our response - 4) The role of the funding body (no role in the study) has been clearly stated.

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Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Our response - 5) The statement of 'All authors have read and approved the manuscript' has been included.

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Our response - 6) Corresponding author has been indicated in the title page.

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Our response - 7) “Abbreviations” renamed to “List of Abbreviations”.

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Our response - 8) Table 3 and table 4 moved after references.
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