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Dear professor Mangiameli,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to resubmit a revision of our manuscript entitled “Decomposing the Heterogeneity of Depression at the Person-, Symptom-, and Time-level with Latent Variable Analyses: Implications of incompatible Techniques and possible Solutions” (MS: 7986697731476068).

We addressed your and the editor’s comments in a point by point fashion and have marked all changes in the manuscript by highlighting them in yellow.

We hope that in its revised form, you will find our manuscript suitable for publication in your journal.

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of all authors,

Stijn de Vos
Comments

- Please confirm that all authors read and approved the final manuscript, including a sentence to this effect at the end of the Authors' Contributions section.

We have confirmed this and included a sentence to this effect (pp. 20, line 433).

- When detailing ethical approval, please clearly state that the IRB approved the study protocol.

We have added a sentence to this effect (pp. 11, line 229)