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Title: Association between health behaviors and mood disorders among the elderly: a community-based cohort study

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Editor Comments:

Associate editor: The authors have revised the manuscript appropriately. However, the new sentences (page 5 lines 94 to 103) do not contain any citations for the references. Please add corresponding citations on here.

Response: Thanks. We have added the corresponding citations on those new sentences. In addition, we updated the order of citations.

"In summary, the past studies pointed out that being female [11], divorced [11], living alone [11], low education level [12], not doing physical activity [13, 15], having chronic diseases, and bad health status are correlated with mood disorder in the elderly [14]. However, the correlation between smoking behavior and mood disorder in the elderly has diverse conclusions in the literature [18, 19]. Some health behaviors considered in this study such as drinking alcohol, eating vegetables and fruits, and drinking milk are not mentioned in past studies. In addition, this study collected a wide spectrum of the elderly population, including healthy and sick elderly in the communities, and provided the opportunity to identify the changeable behaviors in daily life."