Author's response to reviews

Title: Prevalence and correlates of depression and anxiety among patients with tuberculosis at Wolaita Sodo University Hospital and Sodo Health Center, Wolaita Sodo, Ethiopia.

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Hello Dear,

Thank you for your constructive comments. Here I included all correction and elaboration and my manuscript is edited by native English speaker colleagues.

1) I was expecting to see my previous points clarified in the manuscript, not just in the cover letter. (E.g., please add in that psychiatric nurses conducted the interview as this is an important detail that an academic audience will want to know).

ANSWER: I added to my manuscript all details that you need to add

2) My minor essential revisions do not appear to be addressed. The results section in the abstract remains confusing. The following sentence: "Multivariate analysis showed that individual who had co-morbid HIV infection [AOR=5.90, (95%CI: 2.34, 15.93)] and [AOR=9.61, (95%CI: 3.56, 25.96)], poor social support [AOR=18.06, (95%CI: 11.21, 25.45)] & [AOR=8.93, (95%CI: 5.01, 15.94)], perceived stigma [AOR=10.86, (95%CI: 10.26, 23.47)] & [AOR=3.11, (95%CI: 1.78, 5.42)] were more likely to have depression and anxiety as compared to individuals who had no co-morbid HIV infection, good social support and no perceived stigma respectively." is not clear. Firstly, it's not clear which OR's match to which study variable. Secondly, the authors examined adjusted estimates for depression and anxiety separately not together. The latter statement in the abstract is actually incorrect as the authors have put adjusted OR's for depression only and anxiety only. Please make this explicit.

ANSWER: I edited my manuscript again according to your comment. We did adjusted OR separately because we want to know each correlates for depression and anxiety. And the aim the study is to identify factors associated with depression and anxiety, not factors associated with comorbid depression and anxiety, so, this could be limitation of the study.

3) As it is currently written, it is still not clear how the participants were recruited. The authors need to describe this in more detail in the methods
section. For example, were the patients recruited during regular visits and who conducted the recruitment? If the patients treating physician did the recruitment, there are ethical concerns the authors need to discuss. There are different types of systematic sampling, please elaborate on exactly what you did.

ANSWER: We added to our manuscript all details that you need to add. We used systematic random sampling.

4) There are still several grammatical and English errors. Please have the manuscript edited by an English speaking (first language) editor.

ANSWER: according to your manuscript edited by an English speaking colleagues in our University.

5) The authors have addressed almost all concerns, except 1) add collinearity statistics and 2) the Cronbach alphas are need for this main study not the pretest

ANSWER: We added to our manuscript all details that you need to add.