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Title: Is depression a real risk factor for acute myocardial infarction mortality? A retrospective cohort study

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We are grateful for the reviewers’ precious suggestions. Our point-by-point response to their comments is provided below.

Point-by-point response to Editor comment

1) Please add footnotes to each Table spelling out acronyms in full and defining any necessary variables. The tables must be understood as stand-alone data without referring to other parts of the manuscript.

As suggested, we added the foot note (Table 1 on page 8, Table 2 on page 9 and Table 3 page 10)
2) Table 1 - Length Of Stay and follow-up would be better analyzed and represented as medians and interquartile range given the width of the SD exceeds the mean.

We agree with the Editor and we have consequently corrected the Table 1 (page 8)

3) Table 2 - please add to footnote data about the denominator and numerator for deaths (out of total sample at baseline).

We added the denominator on the column titles and added the footnote (page 9)

4) The Cox model / Kaplan Meier graph must include numbers at risk at baseline and each year of follow-up for antidepressant and non-users.

We included numbers at risk at baseline (Figure 3)

5) There are no figure captions only titles, please include.

We included figure captions (Figure 2)