Author’s response to reviews

Title: 10-year ASCVD risk is positively correlated with depressive symptoms in a large general population

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your comments on our manuscript entitled “10-year ASCVD risk is positively correlated with depressive symptoms in a large general population” (MS: BPSY-D-18-01014R2). According to the recommendations, we have revised our manuscript. The following is a detailed list of our description on your comments. If any question arises, please let us know.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Yingxian Sun

Response to the comments:
1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works. This overlap mainly exists in the Methods section.

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Answer: As recommended, we tried our best to rephrase these sections.

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Answer: Thank you. We revised it.

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Answer: It was written, and “Written consent was obtained from all participants. In the case of an illiterate participant, written informed consent was obtained from the appropriate legal proxy.” was added in this section.

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Answer: Yes, thank you.