Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Please find a revised version of our manuscript “The mediating effect of health anxiety in the relationship between functional somatic symptoms and illness behavior in Chinese inpatients with depression” in the attachment. In the following pages are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the editor.

We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Psychiatry. Please let me know if there is anything else we need to do with the revision, and we’ll prepare it as soon as possible.
We thank you very much for your excellent work. Your kind assistance is greatly appreciated. We look forward to any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,
Tieqiao Liu

Responses to Editor

Technical Comments:

1. Background - Please rename Introduction to "Background"

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Answer: Thank you very much for such careful reviewing. We have renamed Introduction to "Background" (line 4, page 3) and provided "Declaration heading" (line16, page 13).

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Answer: Thank you very much for your comments. We have represented authors' names using their full initials, and also listed all authors' contributions. (Authors' contributions section, line25-27, page 13, line 1-3, page 14).
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