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Title: Socio-demographic characteristics and co-occurrence of depressive symptoms with chronic diseases among older adults in China: the China Longitudinal Ageing Social Survey

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to resubmit a manuscript (ID: BPSY-D-19-00520_R2) entitled “Socio-demographic characteristics and co-occurrence of depressive symptoms with chronic diseases among older adults in China: the China Longitudinal Ageing Social Survey” for publication in BMC Psychiatry. In this submission, we have checked and addressed all previous and current comments.

Thank you for considering our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to Editor

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Response: I corrected some statement of Ethics. This survey collected the information strictly followed the legal framework governed by Chapter I, Article 9 from the statistics law of the People's Republic of China. Informed consent was obtained from all individual participants included in the study. The statement was referenced “Social participation and depressive symptoms among Chinese older adults: A study on rural–urban differences”, that was polished at Journal of Affective Disorders.

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Response: I rewrote this section as editor suggested. The context is “The data is available on request from Institute of Gerontology and National Survey Research Center at Renmin University of China, who can be contacted through http://class.ruc.edu.cn/index.php?r=index/index&hl=en. Shen Geng had received permission and accessed to all the data.”

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