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Title: Prevalence and correlates of depressive symptoms among adults living with HIV in rural Kilifi, Kenya

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Under study participants you note that you will exclude those above 60 years but the reasons is not clear. Please clarify why those above 60 years were excluded. Line 7-17 page 5

One of your findings having an additional chronic illness was associated with high odds for having depressive symptoms. In this case how did you differentiate the cause of depressive symptoms i.e. were depressive symptoms as a result of HIV or due to the comorbid chronic illness or old age? See lines 37-49 page 12

On page 13 lines 1-12 you state that travelling long distances or having difficulty accessing the clinic was associated with depressive symptoms. Did you find out if difficulty accessing the clinic associated with non-adherence to ART hence non adherence may be responsible for presence of depressive symptoms?

Minor

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