Author’s response to reviews

Title: Longitudinal Trajectories of Comorbid PTSD and Depression Symptoms Among U.S. Service Members and Veterans

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To: BMC Psychiatry Editor
From: Richard Armenta, Assistant Professor
RE: Manuscript Re-Submission

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Dear Dr. Harris,

Enclosed please find our revised manuscript titled “Longitudinal Trajectories of Comorbid Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression Symptoms Among US Service Members and Veterans.” We continue to believe that BMC Psychiatry is a good fit for this research. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the comments and have added the additional references as requested.

Thank you for considering our work for potential publication in BMC Psychiatry. As corresponding author, please contact me if I may be of assistance in providing additional information.

Very Respectfully,

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Editor Comments:

1. Thank you for your responses to my earlier comments. I appreciate the rationale provided for not including a SEM-style diagram and so agree that this is not necessary.

Thank you for allowing to respond to your comments and for helping us improve our work.

Reviewer Comments:

1. Cynthia Lancaster (Reviewer 1): My only (very minor) recommendation would be to add relevant references for the following sentence: "Covariates were included based on factors associated with PTSD and MDD identified in prior research."

Thank you for your helping comments to improve our manuscript overall and for pointing out that we did not included references to this statement. We included the following references on the statement:


2. Douglas F. Zatzick (Reviewer 2): The authors have adequately addressed the reviewer concerns.

Thank you for your previous comments, they allowed us to improve this manuscript greatly.