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**Title:** Reconsidering the prognosis of major depressive disorder across diagnostic boundaries: full recovery is the exception rather than the rule

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Reviewer #1 Pamela Schettler:

The paper requires the following small corrections to the revised manuscript:

Line 286 needs "and" changed to "or" so that it reads "...to either the time frame or the diagnostic conceptualisation"

Reply: We changed the sentence according to your suggestion:

This study tested the idea that the clinical course of patients with MDD may be underestimated when a narrow perspective is used with respect to either the time frame or and the diagnostic conceptualisation
Line 222 needs the first word changed from "After" to "During" and "53.2%" later in that sentence needs to be changed to "60.5%" (to match the figure in the Table 2). The resulting sentence should read: "During 2 years of follow-up (see Table 2) the recurrence of MDD was 63.2% and 60.5% had at least one other disorder."

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out, the sentence now reads:

During After 2 years of follow-up (see Table 2) the recurrence of MDD was 63.2% and 53.2 60.5% had at least one other disorder during follow-up.