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PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Applied Science & Technology
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR’S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors’ response to final evaluator’s comments
Although some little improvements have been added (links are functional now and a little sentence of recognition about the importance of preventive measurements has been written), manuscript is still having serious contradictions in the experimental design: gender female is a sociodemographic factor, but not a medical condition. They should specified which groups are they studying, 1) sociodemotraphic (then male and female data should be provided), 2) medical conditions (depression, HIV, other medical diseases,) or 3) specific society troubles for role assignations (as authors mentioned, care for children and husband... etc.). They are different categories and mixing them is wrong and confusing.	-Additional sentences have been provided on the importance and ways of preventing HIV transmission (lines 238-243). - Agreed with the observation that the correlates of MDD belong to different categories and mixing them is wrong and confusing. Accordingly, the recommended classification of the correlates has been adopted and corrections made (lines 159-177). Furthermore, figure 3 has been deleted since it contains all the different categories of the correlates of MDD. - The data for male has been added (lines 167-169).