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Dear Dr. Afshin:

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled “**Depression among first and fifth year medical students in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.**” by A. Almalki Et al. for consideration for publication in *Galen Medical Journal*. Medical students were previously discovered as a population at higher risk of experiencing depressive symptoms **(1)**, and this manuscript was builds on prior studies to determine a pattern of depression among medical students in different levels.

In this manuscript, we show that prevalence of depressive symptoms among 1st year medical students was higher than 5th year medical students. We also found 1st year female students reported depressive symptoms more than 1st year male students (p=<0.001). furthermore, fifth-year student shows no difference between males and females (p=0.4). There was no relation between age and depression among all participants (p=0.512).

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by *Galen Medical Journal* because it is reporting a new pattern of depression among medical students, which may lead to further understating of depression among a high-risk group.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. This study complies with current ethical considerations. Also we have no conflicts of interest to disclose. We have no financial support but we are individually financially supporting the study and we will cover all expenses.

All authurs agreed on submitting the manuscript by the Abdulaziz Almalki, and appoint him as the corresponding author and has the right to communicate on behalf of all authurs in all correspondences regarding this study.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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