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Dear Dr. Peter D. Friedmann:

It is a pleasure to submit the accompanying manuscript, “Association between poly-substance use and substance use disorder treatment non-completion admitted to multiple treatments between 2010-2019 in Chile”, to *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*.

In our article we examined the association of reporting polysubstance use in treatment non-completion across different treatments in Chile, using a retrospective cohort of 13,317 adults (ages 18+) covering 30,988 treatment episodes from 2010 to 2019. We calculated the relative risks and 95% confidence intervals using Poisson generalized estimating equations with inverse intensity weighting, adjusting for socio demographics, mental health and substance use patterns, and stratifying by baseline treatment settings. Overall, the association varied across treatment settings, with reporting polysubstance use associated with a modest increase in SUT non-completion risk in intensive ambulatory (4%) and women-only residential settings (~13%).

We believe this paper will be of interest of the community studying substance use and real-world treatment and health care utilization in the Global South.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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