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Dr. Catherine Hurley Editor-In-Chief The R Journal

Dear Dr. Hurley:

On behalf of Jason Thomas, Eungang Choi, Tyler H. McCormick, Samuel J Clark, and myself, I would like to re-submit the revised manuscript entitled "The openVA toolkit for Verbal Autopsies." to *The R Journal*.

We have thoroughly addressed the comments provided by the two referees and we believe the comments have helped us strengthen the package and the paper significantly. We have included our point-by-point reply to the referee report in our re-submission.

Thank you for your time and attention and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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