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To

The Academic Editor,
BMC Women's Health

Subject: Submission of Revised Manuscript

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the invitation to submit a revised version of the manuscript “Associations of Internet Use and Pregnancy Loss with Depression and Anxiety among Women in Bangladesh: Evidence from the 2022 BDHS” (*Submission ID: ea98b5cf-f984-4f0a-a2f0-e607e35b13b4*). We have carefully revised the manuscript in response to the reviewers’ and editor’s valuable comments.

Two versions of the revised manuscript have been uploaded:

1. **“PL_IMH_BD2025_Revised_Manuscript_Clean.docx”** – the clean version of the manuscript without track changes (page and line numbers are indicated in the response document), and
2. **“PL_IMH_BD2025_Revised_Manuscript_Colored.docx”** – the revised version where all newly added or modified text is highlighted in **green color** for easy reference.

We have also attached a **point-by-point response document** that addresses each reviewer’s comment in detail (*reviewer comments in italic and our responses in plain text*).

We sincerely appreciate the reviewers’ insightful feedback and have thoroughly refined the manuscript to enhance its overall quality and clarity.

We hope that the revised manuscript meets the journal’s expectations and will now be considered suitable for publication in *BMC Women's Health*.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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Response to Reviewer 1

Comment 1

The wording could be refined by improving coherence, streamlining statistics presentation, and elucidating interpretations.

Response:

Thank you very much for this helpful suggestion. We have carefully reviewed the manuscript to improve overall coherence and readability. Redundant or repetitive expressions have been removed, and statistical results are now presented more concisely for better flow. We have also refined the interpretations to more accurately reflect the findings and their contextual implications. These revisions can be found in the revised manuscript on *pages 10-11, lines 194–219*.

Comment 2

The methods section must provide data weighting and the confounders addressed in the regression analysis.

Response:

We appreciate your insightful comment. The *Methods* section has been revised to include a detailed explanation of how sampling weights provided by the DHS were applied to ensure nationally representative estimates *pages 6, lines 121*. We have also added a list of all confounding variables included in the multivariable regression analyses, with justification based on previous literature. The revised description appears on *pages 8-9, lines 181-190*.

Comment 3

The findings section should refrain from reiterating percentages and instead emphasize their consequences.

Response:

Thank you for this constructive feedback. We have reduced repetitive reporting of descriptive percentages in the *Results* section. The revised version now focuses more on the implications of significant associations and their possible relevance for mental health outcomes among Bangladeshi women. These modifications are visible on *pages 10-11, lines 194–219*.

Comment 4

The conclusion should more effectively link the argument for digital inclusion to particular mental health mechanisms instead of remaining generic in policy terms.

Response:

We appreciate this valuable recommendation. The *Conclusion* section has been revised to provide a clearer discussion of the pathways through which digital inclusion can affect mental health—such as access to psychological information, online social networks, and virtual counseling resources. General policy language has been replaced with mechanism-based reasoning. This revision is presented on *page 17, lines 370-377*.

Comment 5

The abstract is informative but requires enhanced coherence, conciseness, and analytical depth.

Response:

Thank you for highlighting this point. We have rewritten the *Abstract* to make it more concise and coherent while retaining analytical depth. The revised version clearly summarizes the study's objectives, methods, and key findings without unnecessary repetition. The updated abstract can be found on *page 2-3, lines 21-48*.

Reviewer 2

We deeply respect Reviewer 2's time and effort, and although the specific comments were not applicable to our study, we have nonetheless carefully updated and refined the overall manuscript to enhance its clarity and quality.

However, upon careful examination, it appears that the comments provided correspond to a different manuscript concerning healthcare access among women in Tanzania rather than our current study, which focuses on internet use, pregnancy loss, and mental health outcomes among women in Bangladesh.

Therefore, the comments referencing healthcare access indicators, sub-Saharan Africa, and DHS composite measures are not applicable to our paper.

Nevertheless, we have thoroughly revised our manuscript in line with relevant feedback from Reviewer 1 and ensured that it adheres to the highest standards of clarity, methodological transparency, and analytical precision.