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This manuscript is important for the scientific and post-graduate academic institutions.

Consider a title revision to: “Predictors of Depression among International Students at Southern Illinois University”.

please consider including more details about the outcomes and impact of this study.

Predictor of depression section: While the section is rich in empirical support, it would benefit from clearer thematic organization, grouping predictors into conceptual categories (e.g., social, cultural, demographic) would enhance readability and analytical depth.

Service utilization and institutional support: This section would be strengthened by synthesizing overlapping findings and clearly distinguishing between barriers (e.g., stigma, cultural mismatch) and proposed solutions (e.g., culturally responsive therapy) to improve clarity and flow.

Consider more recent publications or removing references (5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13) over 20 years old.