Reviewer's report

Title: Feeling Labeled, Judged, Lectured, and Rejected by Family and Friends Over Depression: Cautionary Results for Primary Care Practitioners from a Multi-Centered, Qualitative Study.

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Reviewer: Hein van Hout

Reviewer's report:

The authors submitted a well written and impressively sized focusgroup study.

I have some comments and questions:

The study focuses on negative experiences of participants and ignores possible supportive ones. This seems unbalanced eg positive resources are as important to know if treating or advising a patient.

In the design it is not clear to me how the participants were recruited and if study information might have attracted a group of persons overselected on negative experiences?

Groups were stratified on gender and household income. Did the authors found different account in these groups?

Can the authors provide an example of disconfirming data (p9)?

What is the rationale to group the themes ‘labeled’ with ‘judged’ and ‘lectured’ with ‘rejected’ in the discussion?

The discussion could be elaborated on the attitude of the PCP which in some cases will be comparable to that of their own family. In addition what can we expect in terms of treatment effect if PCPs apply their suggestions?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest in this paper.