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Major Compulsory Revisions

My point was that they should expand their sample or explain that the current small sample is large enough for readers to have faith in the fact that they recruited a sufficiently large range of respondents to reflect for instance international variations in how depression is perceived, for this international journal. I do not think the paper is an advance to our knowledge. It only confuses issues, I feel. Perhaps for BMC Research Notes or better yet, a qualitative journal?

The rebuttal letter is also not very convincing. I liked the table format but the tone is rather defensive and lacks convincing arguments. It is not clear to me whether there was there an actual GP involved in the research project. If not, I would suggest to them to find one.

Harm van Marwijk

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.