Reviewer's report

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I believe that questions and suggestions from Reviewer #2 have all been adequately addressed.

The paper is a useful addition to the literature regarding an important and unresolved controversy in psychiatric epidemiology. While the authors' central premise (that the apparent cohort effect observed in cross-sectional studies may be largely an artifact of recall errors) has been discussed for 20 years, the simulation methods used here do add to the discussion. The limitations of this method are appropriately acknowledged.

Greg Simon