Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions

The authors have done a good job of addressing most of the issues raised by the referees but have not quite managed to address all of them. It appears that some questions, such as the role of age in several of the points made (such as whether the younger people did not provide their own responses, but whether these were provided by caregivers) cannot be answered by the data they collected. That should be stated clearly, perhaps in the form of questions that could be answered by future research.

The writing is much improved but there is still a need for a little more cleaning up of the English, including use of upper case letters in titles, for example. That is really copy editing but should still be done to make the paper look more professional.

If someone helps these authors a little more, they may be able to make the final version which is worthwhile to publish exactly because so few people from the developing countries are collecting, analysing and publishing research data on mental health.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.