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The manuscript has improved with the corrections made but there are still some points that should be reviewed:

- Major Compulsory Revisions

1- INTRODUCTION:
The authors refer to whether or not subjects with SD needed to be treated but it is not further discussed.

2- RESULTS
- The OR (48.1) concerning to SD in females must be explained.
- Since MDQ was described for the assessment for bipolar spectrum disorders and ANTAS assess the presence of psychiatric disorders according to the DSM-IV it is not clear what criteria was considered to determine the prevalence of lifetime mania and hypomania. This should be clear throughout the text.
- Tables are still confused and must be better organized. Terms such as DE or DE point prevalence must be standardized.

3- DISCUSSION
It’s discussed the possible induction of mood-cycling in the SD sub-sample but there is no data related to support that.

As was shown earlier that MDQ positivity is probably occurring as confounding factor, it should be further detailed the relationship of antidepressants use and anxiety disorders.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the
statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests