Reviewer’s report

Title: The personal and national costs of mental health conditions: impacts on income, taxes, government support payments due to lost labour force participation

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Reviewer: Carolyn Dewa

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This was a well-written paper. I have only a few comments.

Major compulsory

First, it would be helpful if the authors provided more information about the model used. For example, has there been work examining the fit of the model, how well it predicts, etc.?

Minor essential

Second, could a reference be provided regarding the validity of the ICD coding?

Minor essential

Third, could the authors discuss the extent to which the losses are related to inadequate treatment versus ineffective treatment. That is, they indicate that there is a significant proportion who do not receive treatment. But would accessing treatment solve the problem?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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