Reviewer's report

Title: Development of mental disorders one year after exposure to psychosocial stressors; a cohort study in primary care patients with a physical complaint

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most of my remarks were addressed by the authors. 3 minor comments could be considered, and I recommend the manuscript for Discretionary Revisions.

1) epidemiological studies and causality: wo does the study provide one step more towards defining if the relationship between psychosocial stressors and mental disorders is causal?

2) I felt that a general statement such as "patients with complaints had a higher risk for mental disorders one year later" would be nice for readers to catch up the major outcome of your study.

3) I do not fully understand why this is a cohort study. subjects 18 years or older (up to 65?) were included - so what is the cohort of interest then?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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