Reviewer's report

Title: The Role of Basic Health Insurance on Depression: an Epidemiological Cohort Study of a Randomized Community Sample in Northwest China

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The authors deleted some over – assumptions regarding the reasons why basic health insurance enrollment is a protective factor of depression, and thereafter the paper looks more concise and focused. The findings would make new contributions to the literature.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests