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The authors have submitted a much improved manuscript and I would probably recommend publishing it pending some minor revisions. Comments include:

- that they have reported on 2 cut points for the K10, but I would like to see them proposing something tangible for clinicians to use. Which cut point would they advise and why?

- the recommendations in the discussion section seem broad, and include things like improving the “financial status” of patients and for government to improve the economic situation. What about making recommendations like improved training of providers in screening and prescribing psychotropic treatments?

- there remain several grammatical and spelling errors and I would advise a thorough edit before publication.