Title: Antidepressants in the treatment of depression/depressive symptoms in cancer patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer's report:

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. It is unclear why the authors are repeating the meta-analysis while there are many prior similar reviews.
2. Why the term "oncology" was not included in the search term?
3. There are only two independent authors to review the article, so I wonder how do the authors handle if there were any discrepancies?
4. There is no exclusion criteria?
5. Studies involved children or palliative care were included or excluded?

Discretionary revisions:
1. There are many irrelevant elaboration in the Introduction (eg, prevalence studies elaboration, screening and diagnostic tools..)
2. You want to consider to include Ng et al., J Affect Disd 2012 as one of your reference.

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