Reviewer's report

Title: Depression in the Elderly in Karachi, Pakistan: A Cross Sectional Study

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This is a well structured paper accessing depression in the elderly in Karachi, Pakistan.
The question posed by the authors is well defined.
The methods are appropriate and well described.
The data and the statistical analysis are sound.
The manuscript reports similar studies from Pakistan, but in my opinion there is lack of referral to similar studies worldwide. In the discussion section there should be a comparison with reports from other countries. The high prevalence of depression in Pakistan should be discussed in contradiction to lower percentages of other countries (of low or high income).
The limitations of the work are clearly stated.
The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.
The writing is acceptable.

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:

No competing interests.