Reviewer’s report

Title: Rumination, Anxiety, Depressive Symptoms and Subsequent Depression in Adolescents at Risk for Psychopathology: a Longitudinal Cohort Study

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This is an important study that adds to the literature on adolescent mood and anxiety problems, with implications for cognitive behavioral treatment.

Discretionary Revisions

The manuscript would benefit from further discussion of the "risk-enriched" sample. Adverse life events and losses put adolescents at risk for more than depression.

Also, the manuscript would benefit from further justification of the unconventional choice to pool items from 3 scales with separate psychometrics.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests