Reviewer’s report

Title: Efficacy of depression treatments targeting first-generation immigrants: Results from a systematic review

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New Knowledge:
I enjoyed reading the manuscript as the topic and findings are relevant to the scope of the BMC Psychiatry. You have raised important questions and recommendations regarding depression interventions with first generation immigrant populations.

It is important to increase our knowledge on best practices and treatment concerning depression and immigrants in the host society.

Title:
I’m wondering about your title—‘targeting’ first generation immigrants. Does that capture your review? You may want to consider other words…

Tables & PRISMA flowchart: are well done and capture/summarize your review.

Discussion
In this section—pg 14 onwards there are several recommendations/implications that could be highlighted for future research- line pg 14 line 309-313, 319-321; pg 15 line 333-337; (Suggest a subheading such as Research Implications or Recommendations) to draw more attention to reader)

With careful editing this section could be strengthened. What are the implications for future research studies to move the body of scientific knowledge forward?

Editing:
There are several areas which require careful editing—either run on sentences or awkward wording (“research investigating depression treatments…” pg 4 line 75-77, pg 5 line 107-111, pg 15 line 339-342, pg 16 355-357

Conclusion:
Would suggest moving parts of your conclusion to either the Discussion or under your Research Recommendations—line 360-374

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