Reviewer's report

Title: Screening of Depression In Primary Care Setting - Prevalence and Instrument

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The primary object of the study should be divided from secondary outcomes.
2. Are there other exclusion criteria? Are considered any other medical condition or comorbidity (like substance abuse) that can affect depressive episodes? Could they affect the high prevalence of depressive symptoms that emerge from the study?
3. Instruments should be fully described in the Methods (for example: self-reported measure, Chronbach’s alphas…). It should be explained further both in the methods and in the discussion.
4. In the second Paragraph of Results, where the relationship between prevalence of depression is explained, it’s not clear if “depression” refers to depressive symptoms measured with PHQ or to a severity score superior to a cut-off that determines a pathological condition. Please explain.
5. In the Results Table 4 and the corresponding explanation or expression of data are missing. Parts of the results appear in the Discussion. Please check.

Minor Essential Revisions

6. The WHO statement reported in the abstract seems to be discordant with the same quote in the Introduction. Please check.
7. In the abstract acronyms should be accompanied by the extended name of the questionnaires. Please check.
8. Citation should be reported between square brackets. Please check the whole document.
9. Some English words or sentences should be checked for the sake of clarity and correctness. Please check.
10. Methods shouldn’t report datas resulted from the study. They should be moved in the Results.
11. In the second paragraph of the Discussion the comment of the findings regard the relationship between depression and age is not clear.
14. We have highlighted some exceeding or missing spaces between words. Please check the whole text.
15. We have highlighted some exceeding or missing full stops. Please check the whole text.
16. We have highlighted some missing brackets. Please check.

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**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.