Reviewer's report

Title: The Depression Network (DeNT) Study: methodology and sociodemographic characteristics of the first 470 affected sibling pairs from a large multi-site linkage genetic study.

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Reviewer: Alexander B Niculescu

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General
This is a very well conceived and necessary study. This work will ultimately lead to significant insights into depression and related disorders.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached):

One would like to see a table detailing the co-morbidity with anxiety disorders in both the study subjects and their families, if that data is available.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

None

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None.