Reviewer's report

Title: Mental health first aid responses of the public: results from an Australian national survey

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Reviewer: Robert Kohn

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General

This is a well written paper based on an Australian national sample examining community attitudes and interventions regarding depression and schizophrenia. This paper introduces new methodologies to examining mental health literacy and what the author has termed "mental health first aid". The author claims that it is the first time that mental health first aid has been examined. Even in chronic schizophrenia or someone with suicidal ideations the authors found that over one-third would not encourage professional help seeking.

The study design and the statistical analysis used are all appropriate. The vignettes are available in Table 1 for review. The conclusions are justified and the limitations of the study are clearly presented.

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

None

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Consider reducing the number of tables if possible.

What next?: Accept after discretionary 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:

I declare I have no competing interests.