Reviewer's report

Title: Validity of a self-reported diagnosis of depression among participants in a cohort study using the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV (SCID-I)

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Discretionary Revisions:

In the discussion section, refer to:
1. The need to compare a self-report diagnosis of depression with various cutoffs of established questionnaires in terms of sensitivity and specificity.
2. The debate about the continuity of depression and its relevance to the present focus of this paper.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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'