Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions:
This new version of the article “Epidemiologic heterogeneity of common mood and anxiety disorders over the lifecourse in the general population: a systematic review” is much clearer and easier to read. The authors have done a good job addressing the major concerns.

The integration of the results examined, however, could be improved. I strongly encourage the authors to add a few sentences summarizing the major similarities across studies after the presentation of the results describing both cross-sectional and longitudinal data on depression, which are based on multiple studies. A summary indicating the common classes across studies (e.g., low level, high level, anhedonia) would significantly add to the clarity of this piece. This would indicate that despite differences in methods, some findings seem to be robust.

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