Reviewer’s report

Title: Gender and age differences in the recurrence of sickness absence due to common mental disorders: a longitudinal study

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Reviewer: Kristy Sanderson

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Apologies for not phrasing my question clearly. The subject of the paper is gender and age differences in sickness absence for index and recurrent episodes. The stratification is obvious in Table 1 and helpful but is for the sample overall, not by gender/age. I was more interested in stratification of the gender/age analyses by distress versus disorder. Have I missed this in the manuscript?

Otherwise I am satisfied with the revisions.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.