Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical validity of remission in patients with major depression in population databases

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The design of the paper is not adequate to deal with an interesting area. The focus of the study: the concordance between two criteria to assess depression remission, is not well supported by literature; the remission depends on other important variables as well (mental health organisation services, resources, accessibility, treatment adherence, etc). There are important problems about some definitions: How is the absence of depression assessed during the previous 6 months? Some “screening/diagnostic” tools are mentioned but none of them assesses depression diagnosis.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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