Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions

The authors have addressed most of the issues. However, they have not fully addressed the issue on the association between Age and the likelihood of depression diagnosis. On page 9, 10 and elsewhere in the paper authors say depression diagnosis was associated with lower age. However, Table 2 shows the likelihood of depression diagnosis for age group of 80+ years was higher than the reference category (60-69 years). Authors should mention about it and discuss the reason for that.

Also there is a typo on page 4 (Para 1 “o” instead of “of”).

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'