Reviewer’s report

Title: Co-morbidity and health care utilisation five years prior to diagnosis for depression A register-based study in a Swedish population

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There are still two issues I would like the authors to explain in more detail. They stated that the control group was created to represent a normal population. Afterwards they adjusted for differences. However, they fail to explain why they choose this approach, and did not match the groups in advance.

Furthermore, I would like the authors to explain in some more detail the value of this study in general, e.g. health policy matters.

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.