Reviewer’s report

Title: Locally adapted problem-solving therapy for depression and common mental disorders in primary care in Zimbabwe delivered through lay workers and a Friendship Bench: a pilot study of effectiveness

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Reviewer: Mark Tomlinson

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Thank you for the response to my earlier comments. I am happy for the paper to be published provided one (fairly substantial change is made). The authors use the term 'caseness' at various points in the paper. This is incorrect and must be changed. A screening instrument provides no information on caseness. The authors need to use another term - above a cut of point on the screening instrument (for instance). Caseness is incorrect and must be changed.

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