Reviewer’s report

Title: Higher levels of psychological distress are associated with a higher risk of incident diabetes during 18 year follow-up: results from the British Household Panel Survey.

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I commend the authors for undertaking the revisions in a thorough and considered manner. Upon re-reading this manuscript, I feel it has been strengthened considerably.

MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS
Nil

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS
Nil

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

1. In the sentence towards the end of the Design and Participants section "It must be noted that information on wave of diabetes presence and wave until last measurement was used in the analysis, thus optimizing the information available of people who became dropout during the 18 waves" revise "became dropout" to "dropped out"

2. Last sentence, BMI and Leisure Activity section: need to close bracket

3. The arguments you make on pages 15-16 about considering variables other than depression in a clinical setting are good ones. Larry Fisher has done some work in this area, and I wonder if citing some of his work here may further strengthen this section

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have received consultancy payments from Roche Diagnostics in 2011 and
2012. I have no other financial or non-financial competing interests.