Reviewer's report

Title: The performance of the K10, K6 and GHQ-12 to screen for present state DSM-IV disorders among disability claimants

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The authors did a great job improving their manuscript. It is much more readable and interesting.

Discretionary Revisions

1. With regards to external validity, the authors wrote "Nonetheless, we agree with this reviewer that external validity is not proven. Therefore, we have replaced the term external validity by representativeness (page 5) and moved information on this to Methods, subheading Setting and Procedures." This is good as it improves the strength of the study by showing readers that the sample is representative of the target population. However, the study objective still includes the assessment of external validity (p.4 and p.10). The methods section also includes information on the administrative data (which is already described in the newly written section of Setting and Procedure). The statistical analysis section still includes a paragraph on how external validity was assessed. Given the authors' statement above, these sections could be dropped from the manuscript. This would improve the readability of the text.

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 declare that I have no competing interests