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Minor Essential Revisions (The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.)

The manuscript entitled “Increased Risk and Related factors of Depression among Patients with COPD: A Population-Based Cohort Study” has the potential to add to our knowledge about the association of depression and COPD. However the manuscript suffers from a number of weakness, that should be modifiable.

Introduction: Please state clearly the meaning of the study in the section of Introduction.

Methods: Please clarify the difference between the sample of the LHID and insured population. The standard of patient selection needs greater detailed explanation.

Results: Please change 13 to 13.0 in Table 1 and 1 to 1.00 in Table 2.

Discussion: More references should be added to support the explanations of your findings and the comparisons with other similar studies.

In addition, please modify the grammar mistakes in this article.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.