Reviewers report

Title: Incidence Rates of Sickness Absence Related to Mental Disorders: A Systematic Literature Review

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The revised manuscript addresses my comments and questions raised in initial review. The text reads much better, objectives and methods are very clear now. My compliments to the authors for this revised version.

I have 3 more small suggestions for improvement (mostly textual):
- I would shorten the conclusion paragraph in the abstract.
- The meaning of the sentence in the introduction is unclear to me: 'These classifications focus on similarities that would lead to similar outcome'.
- First paragraph of discussion: numbers are given for 'workers' and 'persons'. I advise to be consistent in use of terminology here.

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