Reviewer’s report

Title: Do 'alternative' help-seeking strategies deter people from using primary care? A survey of help-seeking for mental distress

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Reviewer: Joe Westermeyer

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Major compulsory revision: divide the findings by sampling method. Mixing these two separate means of sampling (clinical cases and survey cases) leads to erroneous conclusions in this report.

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.