Reviewer's report

Title: Predicting the onset and persistence of episodes of depression in primary health care: the PREDICT-Spain study. Methodology.

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My understanding is that this manuscript has been submitted as a study protocol. In addition to describing the protocol, this manuscript aims to demonstrate the reliability of the questionnaire - this aspect should form the basis of a separate research publication. Should the authors wish to publish the study protocol they should remove all references to validation of the questionnaire (i.e. Results section and much of the Discussion).

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'