Reviewer's report

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This manuscript is substantially improved and my major concerns have been addressed. My one residual concern is that while the authors acknowledge that their point prevalence estimates are much lower than those found in all other studies, there is little engagement with why this might be so. The suggestion that it is because treatment was offered is plausible, but could actually be tested in their data - by a comparison between those who were and were not treated. There might be other explanations to do with socioeconomic factors, level of education or access to health care, but these are not interrogated. I think that the results will be of more value to a wider readership if this is undertaken.

**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