Reviewer's report

Title: Mental health literacy as a function of remoteness of residence: an Australian national study

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This is a well written, interesting paper dealing with mental health literacy in rural and urban settings in Australia.

Discretionary Revisions:

The following suggestions are offered for the authors’ consideration.
# Given the multiple indicators used in this study, it would be helpful if a formal definition for mental health literacy were provided.
# It would also be helpful if the paper contained some operational detail to flesh out the geographical classification used so that readers could better understand what these terms mean in terms of population size or density (for example).

Results from this study should have important implications for the design and delivery of public education programs in Australia (especially beyondblue!) and elsewhere. Few countries have access to such rich data to guide their public mental health efforts. Results should be of interest to the growing number of individuals currently planning or undertaking population based mental health promotion and prevention programs.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.