Reviewer’s report

Title: Symptoms of depression impact the course of lung function in adolescents and adults with cystic fibrosis

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The authors have been very responsive to the prior critiques. They have clarified and addressed all of the substantive comments.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I am a collaborator with Professor Lutz Goldbeck on the TIDES study from which the German data were drawn. This does not represent a conflict, but I wanted to report that we co-authored the recent TIDES manuscript published in Thorax. The German data actually showed lower rates of depression than several other countries, including the US and so this paper is very timely in showing its relationship to lung function.