Reviewer's report

Title: Atypical depression is more common than melancholic in fibromyalgia

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The present paper is a resubmission of a study examining the prevalence of atypical and melancholic subtypes of depression in major depressive disorder in patients with fibromyalgia. The authors have responded adequately to all of the comments from my previous review. The paper is clearly written and should be of interest to researchers studying the comorbidity of depression with fibromyalgia. I have one final comment that is not major, but that may warrant some discussion by the authors:

Discretionary Revisions
- The authors now clarify that only one patient met criteria for MDD but did not evidence either the MDE or ADE subtype. This would be different from a non-FM MDD sample. Even though the authors did not include this one person in analyses, it might be useful to comment on the larger proportion of MDE and ADE in this FM sample. Why? Is it because MDD is more severe in an FM versus non-FM sample? More somatic symptoms?

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.