Reviewer's report

Title: Depression as a 2-year outcome predictor of lumbar spinal stenosis surgery: a prospective study of preoperative, 3-month, 6-month and 12-month follow-up phases

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1. As per my comments on the first review, the Abstract needs to have some actual quantitative results.

2. As per my comments and the comments of another reviewer on first review, the OR per Stucki point is uninterpretable. Use of a binary predictor is ideal. Providing the reader with the scale range (eg 0-4) would be helpful so that the change per one unit can be put into context.

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' below.