Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and psychopathological characteristics of depression in consecutive otorhinolaryngologic inpatients

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Reviewer: Sonia Duffy

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The main concern about this paper, as noted in my last review and also noted by one of the other reviewers, is the difference in dx among these OTO patients was not taken into consideration. For example, head and neck cancer patients are bound to be way more depressed than patients with sinusitis and this does not seem to be taken into consideration in the analysis or discussed.

A minor comment is the methods section should be arranged in the order of: design, sample, procedures, measures, data analysis.

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.