Reviewer's report

Title: Toward the Future of Psychiatric Diagnosis: The Seven Pillars of RDoC

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The article summarizes the RdoC project carried out at the NIMH. The present taxonomies are challenged and a totally new approach to psychiatric diagnoses is proposed.

The paper is clear, well written and the rationale and goals of the project are adequately described.

The only criticism that I raise regards the quality of the references. In a text that deals with the basic issues of psychiatric classifications, both on theoretical and clinical grounds, it is surprising that authors that gave basic contributions (e.g. Robert Kendell, Herman Vaan Praag) are not cited anywhere.

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