Reviewer's report

Title: Depression as a Risk Factor for Adverse Outcomes in Coronary Heart Disease

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major and minor revisions:
1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   The question is novel. The different components of CVD could be better detailed in context of depression- ie hypertension, CCF, arrhythmia, MI hypotension etc). No reference to late life depression and Vascular disease.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   Poor referencing throughout the document for example Page 7 re cognitive and somatic symptoms only one reference- this is an issue throughout the text.
3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   The methods of literature search are not detailed. Methods used to critique literature are not detailed.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   See above re methods detail
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Poorly referenced and thus justified statements
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? the title should more clearly represent the doubt re causality and interventions.
7. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes

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