Reviewer’s report

Title: Interaction between stress and the BDNF Val66Met polymorphism in depression: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Lars Kessing

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This is a pertinent meta-analysis on stress and the Brain-derived neurotrophic factor gene in depression, as no existing systematic or meta-analytic reviews has been published.

The meta-analysis is conducted lege artis and the results are discussed adequately. I have identified one paper that should have been included:


Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

Lars Vedel Kessing has been a consultant for Lundbeck and AstraZeneca during recent three years.