Reviewer's report

Title: Mental disorders as risk factors: assessing the evidence for the global burden of disease study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

I have read the paper with much interest, because this is a paper from the global burden of disease study (GBD), a study of major importance. However, I am not convinced that this paper is a worthwhile contribution to the literature. The problem with the papers is there are no verifiable data presented. The paper refers to systematic reviews that have been conducted as part of the GBD, but the authors do not describe in the current paper the methods or detailed results of these reviews. Therefore it is not possible for me or any other reader to verify what the authors claim. They describe elaborately which problems they have encountered in their reviews, but because the data from the reviews are not presented, I can not check whether these comments are true.

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