Reviewer's report

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The authors have been very responsive to my comments.

It may be worthwhile including a sentence in the analysis section justifying use of GEE, as in the response letter. For example, "As missing data was found to be not selective regarding important parameters such as symptoms of depression, symptoms of anxiety or gender, a GEE analysis was unlikely to be biased by missingness." However, such a revision is discretionary.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.