Reviewer's report

Title: Bodily distress syndrome: A new diagnosis for functional disorders in primary care?

Version: 3
Date: 5 September 2015

Reviewer: Athanassios Douzenis

Reviewer's report:

I am not sure what type of manuscript is this submission. It is not a comprehensive review, it does not seem to be an editorial or an opinion. It introduces a new term to replace some others. Usually the introduction of a new term if it is not encompassing (with justification) many others in order to replace them is adding to the confusion and I think this paper does just that. The review of the literature is very poor and misses important papers on the subject. The aim as stated in the paper is not achieved.

The paper makes assumptions like on line 76 that are not substantiated

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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