Reviewer’s report

Title: Moderate mental illness as a predictor of chronic disease prevention and screening

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This is an interesting study of potential differences in eligibility for, and adherence to, guideline based chronic disease prevention and screening (CDPS) manoeuvres in primary care settings in patients with and without depression and anxiety.

Comments/Suggestions for the study authors:

1) Throughout the manuscript, the study authors use "anxiety and depression" and "mental illness" interchangeably. In line 95, the authors document that "Patients documented as unstable or with more severe mental health conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar and other conditions were excluded from the study." The study authors might change the wording in the manuscript and remove "mental illness" and only include "anxiety and depression" since other mental health conditions have been excluded from the study.

2) In Line 141 the authors wrote: "We considered individual components of the composite index related to smoking and alcohol as these behaviours are known to be more prevalent in populations affected by mental illness." The study authors might include a reference to research supporting this statement.

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