Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical effectiveness of care managers in collaborative care for patients with depression in Swedish primary health care: a pragmatic cluster randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Carol Coole

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Thank you for inviting me to review this paper, which I consider to be of interest and suitable for publication. I suggest a few discretionary revisions to the Background section:

Page 5

Line 2 - 'leading cause of years lost due to disability' Needs clarification - presumably not actual years of life

Line 15 - 'increasing high demands on cognitive performance' Suggest adding a reference to the evidence for this statement

Line 23 - suggest delete this sentence - is this not a goal for all patients in primary care?

Line 43 and 48 - suggest interventions instead of actions

Line 48 - training 'in' refined diagnostics

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Line 1 - education for all personnel - in what?

Line 2 - are all care managers nurses?

Line 14 - increased accessibility - to what?

Line 50 - patients visits are fewer and longer - suggest reference

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