Reviewer’s report

Title: Depression differed by midnight cortisol secretion, alexithymia and anxiety between diabetes types: a cross sectional comparison

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Reviewer: William Buckley

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Paper topic is important.

"The main hypothesis was that persons with T2D predominantly suffer from symptoms of atypical depression, and persons with T1D predominantly suffer from symptoms of melancholia. The primary aim of this work was to compare the two diabetes types regarding depression type and midnight salivary cortisol (MSC) secretion."

It is important and significant in distinguishing types of depression and correlating them with types of diabetes.

I would recommend citation of either World Health Organization biosocial criteria for depression or biomedical criteria for the DSM V on Depression.

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