Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of CBT and its modifications for relapse prevention in major depressive disorder: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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In general the search strategy, the selection criteria, the data extraction and the statistical analyses are well described and adequately applied. However, the authors should consider the publication bias more carefully. It is true that the number of trials in each of the subgroup analyses is below 10 but the total number of 16 trials would allow at least a visual interpretation of the funnel plot. Since the authors report an overall efficacy it would also make sense to regard the publication bias at an overall level.

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