Reviewer's report

Title: THE CYTOKINE PROFILE OF WOMEN WITH SEVERE ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION DURING PREGNANCY

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Reviewer: Michele Okun

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The authors have addressed most of the reviewers comments.
It does not appear that the text has been edited by a native English speaker as the grammar, tense and formatting still needs work.

Were the cytokines assessed for skewness? Rarely are they normally distributed and some form of adjustment (i.e. log10) is needed.

There are no statistics shown for the GLM.

It is unclear why there is an emphasis on obesity when the sample is overweight, not obese. And does the BMI reflect pre-pregnancy weight or current weight?

It is not clear if the authors separated out the 2nd trimester from 3rd trimester in the analyses. It does not look like any of the possible covariates were included in the analyses.

The Discussion is too long.

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