Reviewer’s report

Title: Socio-demographic characteristics and co-occurrence of depressive symptoms with chronic diseases among older adults in China: the China Longitudinal Ageing Social Survey

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Reviewer: Asuka Koyama

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This paper deals with the association between depression and socio-demographic characteristics and chronic diseases among older adults. The sample size is large enough and the paper is well-written.

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