Author’s response to reviews

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Technical Comments:
move ABBREVIATIONS
Response: The Abbreviations section has been moved to after the conclusions section per the guidelines found here: https://bmcpsychiatry.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article

role of funding body
Response: Role of the funding source has been updated to say “Janssen Research & Development, LLC funded this research and led all aspects of the study, including the design, analysis, interpretation of data, and writing of the manuscript.”

Reformat AC, should indicate that all AUs read and approved the MS rename 'Figure Captions' to 'Figure Legends'
Response: A statement has been added to the AC section stating, “All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”
‘Figure Captions’ has been changed to ‘Figure Legends’

Editor Comments:
The authors have addressed most of the reviewers' comments. Please provide a brief explanation and reference for the use of SNOMED classification system.

Response: The following text has been revised and added to the section referring to SNOMED with appropriate references: “Comorbidities were defined according to the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine - Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) SNOMED classification system. The SNOMED CT classification allows mapping of various diagnostic languages across more than 80 countries, including,
for example, ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM, and Read codes, to a single standardized set of concepts, and is used by the common data model leveraged for this study, described in the next section [9, 10].”

Reviewer reports:
Hans Rittmannsberger, Prof. (Reviewer 1): Page 8, second paragraph: Charlson Comorbid Index; SNOMED: please explain! reference?

An explanation of SNOMED along with references has been added to the Methods section (see above response to editor for full text). A citation for the Charlson comorbidity index has also been added.

No further comments.

Thank you for your review!

David Benrimoh (Reviewer 2): The authors have done good work to revise the manuscript and have provided good rationales for any points they have decided not to change. The manuscript is much stronger now.

Thank you for your review!