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Title: Co-morbidities of mental disorders and chronic physical diseases in developing and emerging countries: a meta-analysis

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REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: The aims of this paper are too vague, ambitious and broad in scope. Therefore, the review included studies which are not really compatible. The pooled estimations, as a result, are misleading

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The title of this manuscript does not reflect well the content. People understand "Comorbidities of mental disorders" as, for example, comorbid depression and anxiety.

No rationale for the selection of some mental health problems and physical diseases was given in the introduction. The reasons were given in the Discussion are very weak. Why are anxiety and depression chronic mental diseases? There is no definition of any disease provided in the methods.

The scope of this meta-analysis was too broad that included too many health problems which are very different in prevalence. The socio-economic status of 'developing and emerging countries' varies in a too wide range that results in different models of health and disease. Therefore, the pooled estimations are misleading and have modest implications.

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