Reviewer’s report

Title: Panic disorder and incident coronary heart disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis protocol

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1) Please consider removing 'symptomatic CHD' or angina as an appropriate category of incident CHD. Without any objective indication of CHD but that a clinician is reporting that there is angina pectoris, there could be a major confound between the patient of panic symptoms and the patient report of chest pain.

- Minor Essential Revisions
2) Please consider an additional sensitivity analysis that restricts to only those studies with clinician-diagnosed panic disorder, and one then that restricts to only those studies with self-report of panic symptoms.

- Discretionary Revisions
3) I believe the bolding in the references is not in conformance with the Author instructions.
4) Please consider adding to Table 1 the exact number and types of symptoms required to meet panic disorder criteria, for those not familiar with the DSM 5th edition scoring procedure. This could be added as a footnote to Table 1.

Otherwise, a clear, compelling report of a needed systematic review. Karina Davidson

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests