Reviewer’s report


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Jeremiah et al present a protocol for the systematic review and meta-analysis on the 'Evaluation of the effect of insulin sensitivity-enhancing lifestyle- and dietary-related adjuncts on antidepressant treatment response'.

Overall it is a very interesting and well written protocol to evaluate the non-pharmacological treatments to help enhance the traditional treatment response to depression, which is a global epidemic affecting both rich and poor nations alike.

Minor points in the article which need clarification include, the following,

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