Reviewer’s report

Title: The Transition from University to Work: what happens to Mental Health? A longitudinal study

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This is an important piece of work, but is written poorly. I would recommend that the authors persist in getting it published though. It requires significant editing before publication and I have given just some examples below. The document would benefit from additional restructuring. There are clear language translation issues and significant editing is required.

Title - title is not right - change to 'what happens to Mental Health?'

Abstract:
48 Change 'Totally,' to In total,
51 and 56 Change times to time points
Page 4 line 56 - worth mentioning the instruments referred to here.
Page 5 line 4 change 'hundreds of' to Many

Numbers should use comma's as they are not separated by a full stop. This needs to be corrected throughout the document.

The author talks about this study as being from England, but they should state that it is from the UK. I provide a link to the report referenced: 12. Royal College of Psychiatrists. The mental health of students in higher education. https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/files/pdfversion/CR166.pdf

Page 6: line 4 change British to UK
Page 6: line 9 change The Norwegian the study to The Norwegian study
Page 6: line 24 - it would be useful to state the male comparison here
Page 6 - line 25 This does not make sense that the studies have not been completed longitudinally when you are citing changes of students over time, as in the previous sentence when you cite women changing from 16 to 25%? "Neither of these studies have been completed longitudinally".
Page 6 line 28. This statement needs to have some references.
Page 7 line 14. This statement needs to have a reference.

Page 7 line 17 Change from to the society - to society
Page 7 line 48 JDC - acronym needs spelling out (as stated later on page 11 line 22)
Page 8 line 31 - the aims of the study seem misplaced - in the method?

Page 9 line 12 changes persons to people
Page 9 line 36 two brackets used for references and they seem too many? [7, 8, 29-31]. [22, 24, 32]

Page 10 line 4 change severity, then, can be placed on one axis to 'severity can then be placed on one axis'

Page 11 and 12 line 58 and 4 respectively: change educations to education
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