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**Title:** The multifaceted impact of anxiety and depression on patients with rheumatoid arthritis

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**Reviewer:** Cheryl Barnabé

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Minor comments only to provide to the reviewers:

- Abstract conclusion - highlight the disparate views of physician and patient

- Background - clarify 1st sentence of paragraph 2 - the prevalence estimate is depression and/or anxiety, or just depression, or anxiety? In the same paragraph, sentence beginning 'Despite the high prevalence...' in addition to 'not appropriately managed' should also include 'recognized'

- final paragraph clarify 'incremental impact of anxiety or depression' - impact on what?

- Methods - provide estimates of completion rate

- paragraph on 'Measures of anxiety and depression, 1st sentence, include physician-reported and patient-reported 'diagnoses of'

Results - provide rate of physician and reported diagnoses of depression/anxiety as first paragraph (instead of last paragraph)

Discussion

2nd sentence - add 'compared to prevalence reported' in the general population

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