

Reviewer's report

Title: Psychiatric services in primary care settings: a survey of general practitioners in Thailand

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General

The authors have addressed all my original points

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The outstanding issue for me is the section on barriers to recognising psychiatric problems. There seem to be two concepts- barriers to recognising psychiatric problems and perception of psychiatric prevalence. Are these mirror images of each other? If they are, the variable should be reported in a consistent way through-out. If they are not, the differences between the two need to be spelt out more clearly. I personally found the multiple regression analysis in Table 2 unhelpful. Again, what is the meaning of the dependant variable, percentage of patients with psychiatric problems? Does it describe barriers to recognising psychiatric problems, or perception of psychiatric prevalence, or a third variable? On the face of things, some of the results seemed counter-intuitive but maybe I didn't understand it properly. I would suggest it was reviewed by an expert statistician. This section really needs re-writing

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

There are still a few typographical errors

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests