Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between psychosocial stress and hypertension among Ghanaian migrants in Amsterdam, the Netherlands - the GHAIA study

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This is a well written article, but there are some clunky phrases. I have given a few examples below, with some quick suggestions:

Minor Essential Revisions

Under "Main independent variables" I was not clear if you had just used the PHQ-9 here to assess stress or was it another tool. If it was another tool, it should be named. If the PHQ-9 was used to measure stress this indication should be justified.

"Daily perceived racial discrimination encounter" - how about "perceived daily exposure to racial discrimination"

"non-institutionalized Ghanaians in Amsterdam" - how about something like "Ghanaians in Amsterdam who were not in residential care?"

"and had seated for at least 5 minutes" - I think it needs a "been" after had

"depression is among the common ill health conditions," how about "depression is a commonly reported symptom"?

none depressive symptoms - "minimal depressive symptoms"

"two equal halves" - ? is two needed here

"Difficulty in paying (household) bills is among the indicators of financial hardships, but other indicators such as difficulty finding a sustainable job or income, difficulty purchasing food, lack of essential goods like clothing, facilities and services [34] are equally important." - the word difficulty is used three times in this sentence

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

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 that I have no competing interests'