Table 2. Scale description from The VA Survey of Depression Care Practices in Primary Care \*

Scales	n	k	Mean	SD	α
PCP experience with depression management	175	6	47.86	23.72	0.83
PCP comfort with depression management	183	5	48.89	21.44	0.85
PCP difficulty with depression management	163	6	58.18	24.98	0.73
Collaboration with mental health specialist	166	4	46.13	40.52	0.84

PCP = Primary Care Provider

<sup>\*</sup> Scales were derived for respondents that had completed half or more of the scale items. We constructed scales with scores ranging from 0-100, with higher scores indicating a more positive outcome using the following algorithm: 100 \* (sum total - # valid measures) / ((Maximum Score \* # valid measures) - # valid measures).