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Comments to the Author

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Title: Higher prescription of antidepressants and/or anxiolytics among COPD patients versus subjects without or with other chronic diseases

We thank the reviewer for the valuable comments and below we address them point by point.

Comments

Title too long and has an acronym, which should preferably be avoided in titles

✓ **The title has been shortened and the acronym has been removed**

Page 1:

Higher prescription of antidepressants and/or anxiolytics among chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients

Abstract

Got better.

Keywords: they did not make the adjustments on the keywords with the exception of the last one that eliminated them. MeSH descriptors must be used.

✓ **The MeSH descriptors have been added.**

Page 2:

Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Obstructive; Chronic Disease; Antidepressive Agents; Anti-Anxiety Agents; Prescriptions

Methods. Again: The authors say it is a retrospective, cross-sectional study. But they are doing an analytical cohort study, comparing the cohort of COPD patients with a control group without chronic disease. It is a retrospective cohort study.

✓ **We agree with the reviewer. This has been changed in the methods section:**

Page 5, line 4:

In a retrospective cohort study, data was obtained from the NControl database (2013-2018) including dispensing data from 800 pharmacies and over 7 million patients, located in different regions in the Netherlands.

Discussion. They improved the discussion.

Comments: They made no changes to MeSH descriptors, or the title, and I still consider the methods to be a cohort study.