## PEER REVIEW HISTORY

BMJ Open publishes all reviews undertaken for accepted manuscripts. Reviewers are asked to complete a checklist review form (http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/resources/checklist.pdf) and are provided with free text boxes to elaborate on their assessment. These free text comments are reproduced below.

## **ARTICLE DETAILS**

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	The Diagnostic Accuracy of the Depression Subscale of the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS-D) for Detecting Major Depression: Protocol for a Systematic Review and Individual Patient Data Meta-analyses
AUTHORS	Thombs, Brett; Benedetti, Andrea; Kloda, Lorie; Levis, Brooke; Azar, Marleine; Riehm, Kira; Saadat, Nazanin; Cuijpers, Pim; Gilbody, Simon; Ioannidis, John; McMillan, Dean; Patten, Scott; Shrier, Ian; Steele, Russell; Ziegelstein, Roy; Loiselle, Carmen; Henry, Melissa; Ismail, Zahinoor; Mitchell, Nicholas; Tonelli, Marcello

This article was not externally reviewed at BMJ Open. Protocols that have been independently assessed prior to submission to BMJ Open are usually fast-tracked to publication on the grounds that further substantial changes will not be possible. This independent assessment will usually be external, independent review for both a substantial grant award from a non-commercial or government funder and ethics approval.