Table 1 Validity and positive predictive value for screening questions and physician diagnosis compared with composite international diagnostic interview as ideal screening tool for major depression Patients screened positive Patients screened negative Positive predictive Screening question True positive False positive value (%) True negative False negative Both questions* 28 129 263 18 Depression question 281 18 111 Pleasure guestion 24 84 308 *Positive is yes to either question. Table 2 Sensitivity, specificity, and likelihood ratios with composite international diagnostic interview as ideal screening tool for major Both questions 97 (83 to 99) 67 (62 to 72) 2.9 (2.5 to 3.4) 0.05 (0.01 to 0.35)

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			Like lihood ratio		
Screening question	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)	Positive test (95% CI)	Negative test (95% CI)	

72 (67 to 76)

79 (74 to 82)

3.0 (2.5 to 3.8)

3.9 (3.0 to 5.0)

0.19 (0.08 to 0.48)

0.22 (0.1 to 0.49)

86 (69 to 95)

83 (66 to 92)

Pleasure only question