Patients screened positive Patients screened negative Positive predictive Screening question True positive False positive True negative False negative value (%) Both questions* 28 129 263 18

Depression question 111 Pleasure question 24 84 *Positive is yes to either question.

Depression only question

Pleasure only question

diagnostic interview as ideal screening tool for major depression

Table 1 Validity and positive predictive value for screening questions and physician diagnosis compared with composite international

281 308

3.0 (2.5 to 3.8)

3.9 (3.0 to 5.0)

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0.19 (0.08 to 0.48)

0.22 (0.1 to 0.49)

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Table 2 depressi	2.	specificity,	and	likelihood	ratios	with	composite	international	diagnostic	interview a	s ideal	screening	to

depression					
			Like lihood ratio		
Screening question	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)	Positive test (95% CI)	Negative test (95% CI)	
Both questions	97 (83 to 99)	67 (62 to 72)	2.9 (2.5 to 3.4)	0.05 (0.01 to 0.35)	

72 (67 to 76)

79 (74 to 82)

Screening question	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)	
Both guestions	97 (83 to 99)	67 (62 to 72)	

86 (69 to 95)

83 (66 to 92)