

# Review of: "Reasons for diagnostic delays in Bipolar Disorder: Systematic review and narrative synthesis"

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Manuscript presented is very interesting, well-written, and covers a useful and timely clinical topic. I've only minor comments:

1. In the introduction section, authors should add some data about the most common psychiatric comorbidities of BD.  
Such comorbidities (as stated after) could be responsible for the diagnostic delay of BD.
2. On page 7/12 ("misdiagnosis"), the quote "...leading to a misdiagnosis of major depressive disorder for individuals only presenting with depressive symptoms" should be rewritten in a clearer way. If a patient presents only depressive symptoms, actually, the adequate diagnosis IS Major Depressive Disorder.
3. On page 8/12, the "complex nature of BD" essentially is overlapping with "misdiagnosis." The two paragraphs could be merged.