Limitations

- There are fewer women than men in the study.
- The results may not be generalizable to other homeless or precariously-housed samples.

Conclusions

In a precariously-housed sample,
1. The BDI demonstrates acceptable validity, reliability, and sensitivity to change.
2. Using the BDI alone is insufficient for making a diagnosis of depression.
3. a) A wide range of BDI scores is found in different psychiatric disorder groups.
   b) BDI scores are mediated by both age and gender; women and those of younger age have higher BDI scores.
   c) Those with suicidal ideation have higher BDI scores, and this is not mediated by gender. Higher BDI scores are associated with worse quality of life and functioning scores, and these are not mediated by gender.

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