Reviewer’s report

Title: Revisiting the dimensional validity of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS): an empirical evidence for a possible higher-order factor

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In general this rather complicated paper reads well! I think the paper is a little bit difficult for the general readers of the journal but I have no objection to its publication. However, the following points might improve the paper:
1. Make it as simple as possible!
2. Confidence interals should be reported as usual; for instance 0.45-1.00.
3. Some references might be added, for example: BMC Psychiatry 2007, 7:11.
4. The Discussion could be shortened.
5. The message (conclusion) should be more straitforward.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.