Reviewer’s report

Title: The structure and demographic correlates of cancer fear

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The paper is much improved. The introduction still needs a clear statement of purpose and how the findings will impact public health - clinical practice, health education, and/or guidance for future research. Similarly, the discussion section still lacks an implications paragraph...what are the implications for these findings for research or clinical practice? Finally, the paper remains largely focused on cancer worry as a negative outcome. Since cancer worry generally predicts enhanced screening and adherence behaviors, the paper should present a more balanced view of cancer worry, especially as it remains fairly low, with only 25% endorsing high worry in the sample.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.