Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of psychological interventions on depression and anxiety among Chinese adults with cancer: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled studies

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Herewith I am giving my comments. Hope these comments will be helpful for you.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Methods:
   You provided the information about timing of assessment in Table 1 (supplementary).
   You should discuss the effects of the different timing of assessment because of the too various timing (EXAMPLE: pre-surgery, post-surgery, 1 year post discharge).

   As shown on page 10, line 20, effect size in this meta-analysis is SMD. You should correct to “Mean and SD”.

2. Statistical analysis:
   In Table 3, there were the following descriptions, “P of comparison between these subgroups”.
   You should add statistical method and reference about it in Table 3.

3. Figure 3, Figure 4:
   You added the following sentence in the figures, “Favors experimental group” and “Favors control group”.
   I think that a position is reverse.
   In Cumulative meta-analysis, you should indicate into each Figure 3 or Figure 4 in parallel, not additional files and discuss the results of it if you show the Cumulative meta-analysis.

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

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.