Author's response to reviews

Title: Reliability, Validity and Psychometric Properties of the Greek Translation of the Central for Epidemiological Studies-Depression (CES-D) Scale

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Dear sir/madam

In response to the suggestions of the two referees, we revised the manuscript ‘Reliability, Validity and Psychometric Properties of the Greek Translation of the Center for Epidemiological Studies-Depression (CES-D) Scale’ by Fountoulakis et al.

We included an analysis of the sums of items that load on each factor, as Prof Boey suggested.

Following the suggestions of prof Gureje, we included more details in the material and methods section, and we explained that the IPDE served only the more comprehensive assessment of the patients and not the clinical diagnosis of depression. We also provided information about the training of the authors on the SCAN and IPDE.

We performed a grammar and spelling check of the manuscript, and added explanations of abbreviations.

The referees suggestions about the discussion is of course correct. We tried to provide a picture of the cultural and language influences on the CES-D, as well as its application on different populations (eg in the elderly). This we believe is in direct relevance with the essence of our paper and provides the reader with comprehensive information about the properties of the CES-D. Otherwise the paper will be restricted to a technical manual.

We hope that we responded correctly to the suggestions

Best regards

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