Reviewer's report

Title: Reliability, Validity and Psychometric Properties of the Greek Translation of the Zung Depression Rating Scale

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There are several issues that the authors may wish to consider in their revisions of the manuscripts.

1. The Cronbach alpha coefficient of the scale is so low that the scale cannot be considered an unidimensional scale. How was this finding compared with the findings from other studies? What cautions should be taken when using the total score of the scale as a measure of depression?

2. The "normal control group" may be more appropriately termed the "normal comparison group" because strictly speaking the group is not a "control group".

3. Examination should also be conducted to check if there are any differences in sociodemographic characteristics between the two groups.

4. The procedure for conducting the clinical diagnosis and the scale administration was not clearly specified. Did the two examiners know the group identification and the test results before conducting the clinical diagnosis?

5. The discussion focused more on the findings of present studies than on the results of other studies. The readers would be interested to know how the authors interpreted their findings (say, the very low Cronbach alpha coefficient of the scale).

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None declared.