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Dear Dr Alam

**Re: Establishing the reliability and validity of the Zagazig Depression Scale in a UK student population: a pilot study**

Thank you for the opportunity to revise this paper in line with the reviewers’ helpful comments. The remaining reviewer’s point has been addressed as follows:

1. **Minor Essential Revisions**
   
The authors have corrected and modified all requested revisions. However, the statement describing sample size calculations is not accurate. Confidence level is usually 95% or 99%, power is 80 or 90% and error is 5-10%. Please consult a statistician in describing the statement and calculating your sample size.

After consulting our department statistician we have made the required corrections and added the revised text to the methods section (page 4) as follows

   ‘It was estimated that a sample of 97 students was needed to give 80% power of calculation with 95% confidence level and error of 0.1. Assuming a response rate of 30-50%, approaching 275 students would give a sample of 97’.