Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic Depression: Development and Evaluation of the Luebeck Questionnaire for Recording Preoperational Thinking (LQPT)

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Discretionary Revisions
p1. Background:
"contributes to diagnosing chronic depressive disorder". I would prefer: contribute to identify the thinking in patients with chronic depressive disorders.
"evaluate therapeutic success". I would prefer the less stronger message:
to evaluate the therapeutic change in preoperational thinking.
"today it is assumed that chronic depressive disorders are a separate category of mood disorders". Assumed by who? I'm familiar with McCulloughs splendid work, but I do not considers the assumptions as a fact.

p5. how are the scores of the items done? It just says a low value means a high level ...... Are there a cut-off point. Have the authors made a ROC curve?

p7. Item analysis. A description of the tests used is missing. Was a Rasch Model considered?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests