Reviewer's report

**Title:** Validity of the Chinese version of the 32-item Hypomania Checklist (HCL-32) and the optimal cutoff screening bipolar disorders

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Yang and colleagues have submitted a study about “Validity of the Chinese version of the 32-item Hypomania Checklist (HCL-32) and the optimal cutoff screening bipolar disorders”. This is a well-designed study with an interesting and significant result. But there did not include the results about the difference between the two study site.

My questions/comments are as follows:

**Background:**
the HCL-32 of Taiwan version has any differences from this study?

**Method**
1. the primary outcomes and the secondary outcomes were not clear. The main text of this study was not very clear.
2. whether the mood disorder patients with psychotic symptom were included in this study?
3. why patient have been treated with ECT were excluded?

**Results**
there did not evaluate the duration of the mood disorder, because the diagnosis of depression or bipolar disorder were correlated to the duration.

**Discussion**
The significance of the HCL-32 could be mentioned.