Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical Utility of the Snaith-Hamilton-Pleasure Scale in the Chinese Settings

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This is an important paper providing validity and reliability of Snaith-Hamilton-Pleasure Scale (SHAPS) in Chinese version. This paper is almost perfect and no major problems are indicated, however, a few negative points are listed below:

Positives:
1. Validity and reliability of SHAPS was assessed in suitable methods. The number of enrolled patients is not small, and the prevalence of anhedonia was also evaluated in a few disorders.

Negatives:
1. When SHAPS is administered to normal subjects, the prevalence of choosing negative item is generally very low. Thus, it is seems to be difficult to assess test-retest reliability in only normal controls. The authors should mention about it.

2. In 2012, Japanese version Snaith-Hamilton-Pleasure Scale (SHAPS-J) was published. The present article is not the first non-western version of SHAPS. The authors should correct the text.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests