Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparative psychometric analyses of the SCL-90-R and its short versions in patients with affective disorders

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Reviewer: Mitsunao Tomioka

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I regard the effort to simplify a psychological scale more as an important work. I reviewed your article from the point of view, but many parts of your sentences are difficult to understand logically.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Methods part was well described. But other part should be checked by other persons. This article must be read by all authors, and be understood by them, and it is necessary to be checked by a native English speaker.

2. I cannot judge the factorial validities unless the figures of path diagram on each short version and SCL-90-R. Please show the figures of models of confirmative factor analysis as supplemental data.

Minor Essential Revisions and Discretionary Revisions

I will point out these revisions after Major compulsory revisions because of a lot of problems in your article.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.