Reviewer's report

**Title:** Perception of depressive symptoms by the Sardinian public: Results of a population study

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**Reviewer:** Liliana Dell'Ossso

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The article "Perception of depressive symptoms by the Sardinian public: Results of a population study" is a presents an interesting study investigating about the public view of what depression is. The authors examined whether results of a similar previous study from Vienna could be replicated in Sardinian cultural setting. They also discussed the de-contextualized approach of DSM to MD diagnosis. The article is well organized, reasoned and balanced. Methods are clearly described. Introduction and discussion are exhaustive. References are appropriate. I think that the article should be considered for publication.

I would only suggest to check the manuscript because of some minor discrepancies between results in text, figures and tables.

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“4% recommended doing nothing...”. In Figure 2 5% is reported.

“In the case of betrayal by romantic partner 63% recommended self-help...”. In Figure 2 64% is reported. In Table 3 65% is reported.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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