Reviewer's report

Title: Validation of a brief suicide risk screening tool in a Chinese population

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Authors have answered to all points and they have modified parts of the text properly, according to my suggestions.

I would recommend some minor revisions before publishing:

- They should change abstract according to revisions they have already done.

In the background authors say “A brief rating scale to assess suicide risk is important for high-risk identification and early interventions”. But in the study they assess self harm “an infliction of a harmful act upon oneself in any form, self-poisoning or self-injury, with a non-fatal outcome” and they found acceptable psychometric properties of CSPS in predicting self harm.

So, in the background It would be better explain briefly the rationale of choosing self harm as an indicator of suicide risk (Past and repeated self-harm are long-term risks to completed suicide)

COMMENTS:

Authors have conducted further statistic analysis according to my suggestions. I have checked results of regression and I agree to show data on request

Some Language corrections will be made from authors before being published

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.