Author's response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of the Edinburgh Post Natal Depression Scale using Rasch analysis

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Dear Editors,

Please thank the reviewer for their comments. We have addressed the points raised as given below:

1. To delete such item 8 which has a high face validity may need some more data. I suggest to mention that a replication study would be useful.

An additional sentence was added in the discussion indicating that further study is needed to assess the replicability of the finding concerning item 8.

2. To convince clinicians and researchers to use a shortened version of the EPDS needs to present evidence based advantages. The EPDS has to prove it has better screening capacities than the original EPDS.

An additional sentence was added recommending that further research is needed to compare the screening capacities of the original and shortened versions of the EPDS in clinical contexts.

3. The authors should quote the study by Chabrol and Teissedre.

Reference to this research was added in the introduction.

Kind Regards

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