Reviewer’s report

Title: Construction and validation of a dimensional scale exploring mood disorders: MAThyS (Multidimensional Assessment of Thymic States)

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The authors are commended on a responsive and thoughtful revision of their paper. My remaining differences are largely stylistic and points where intelligent parties can differ (for example, I would prefer PROMAX, the authors note that more are familiar with VARIMAX; they have done both and in this instance the results are not very different). The authors provided additional detail about the sample recruitment and inclusion/exclusion criteria, which was the intent of my reference to the STARD/CONSORT criteria. The revision, like the original submission, shows considerable clinical sophistication. I enjoyed reading both a great deal.

What next?: Accept without revision

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.