Reviewer’s report

Title: Mental Health, Duration of Unemployment, and Coping Strategy: a Cross-Sectional Study of Unemployed Migrant Workers in China during the Economic Crisis

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1) It is significant to study mental health in unemployed migrant workers in China during the economic crisis.
2) The study sample is not an unbiased random sample so the representative of the subjects is limited. It should be indicated that the design is only a typical study so inferring of the study result is weak.
3) The sample size is too small that power of statistics is not enough. The random error is not well controlled in the study.
4) The SCL-90 and SCQ are self report questionnaires rather than face-to-face structured interview.
5) The study can only be regarded as a pilot study in unemployed migrant workers in China. The result cannot be magnified although the study is rather important and rare.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.