Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of marital relationship on mental health of women in Pakistan

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Minor essential revisions:

please check all numbers of the tools used in this study. There are some numbers missing in sequence. it would help to mention specificity and sensitivity of all the tools. five or six other than demographic keeps changing

How was sample size reached?

in results section again the alphabetical numbers for tools results are not in sequence and some in small case and some in upper case.

discussion should also focus on how extended family play negative role it is mostly only given unidirectional as support. There is ample literature on depression or suicidal ideation or domestic violence because of family marriages and extended family interference.

Socio-economic risk factor in discussion should discuss gender role, power structure, power dynamics and how women autonomy and women empowerment is a threat in a patriarchal society

Under tool justification or limitation one should mention how and why HADS was selected where the population is general and from society or community and the tool is not population based.

on pg 22 first para need one word deletion for proper read.

last line we acknowledge has 'e' capital so change it to lower case.

some references like 72 have volume not bold so check for consistency in format

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing financial interests however, being a Pakistani
married women it is my interest that such high quality research should be published as there is dearth of quality research work in general and specifically in the field of psycho-social issues.