Reviewer's report

Title: The effect of duration and cause of infertility on anxiety and depression in infertile women

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General

This revised manuscript is very much better than the previous one, which could be worthwhile for the publication after following minor revision.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1) Page 3, lines 16-17; Lapane et al (1995) should be changed to Some reports, because this sentence includes 2 references (8,9).
2) Page 4, line11; increases of stress should be changed to increases stress.
3) Page 4, lines 14-16; The author should add another reference to this sentence, because some studies means more than 1 studies. Otherwise, some studies should be changed to one study.
4) Page 5, line 16; Probably 6.36 means 6.36 years.
5) Page 5, line 20; WHO criteria 1999 would be changed to WHO criteria in 1999.
6) Page 5, line 22; lapascopy would be laparoscopy, HSG should be spelled out at the first appearance, facto would be factor, detected in Post Coital Test would be detected by post coital test.
7) Page 6, line 5; It is much better to add reference number (20) after Becks depression inventory.
8) Page 6 , lines 6-7; It is better not to change the line.
9) Page 6, line 18; It is much better to add reference number (21) after Cattles inventory.
10) Page 7, line 17; figure-1 would be Figure-1.
11) Page 8, line 1; Chi2 would be c2 or chi square.
12) Page 8, lines 11-12; Duration of ---Beck and Cattle scores is indicated in Table 4. Therefore, the authors should add (Table 4) after this sentence. In that case, Table 4 will appear before Table 3, then the authors should change the number of Table 3 and 4.
13) Page 10, line 10; Is this comma really necessary?
14) Page 11, line 14; The underline below period is not necessary.
15) Page 11, line 19; more common would be less common.
16) Table 2; chi-square=20.643 would be changed to chi-square test for 2 x 9 table.
17) Table 3; The authors should indicate the statistical method under the table.
18) Table 5; *t=9.179, **t=2.943 would be changed simply unpaired t-test.
19) Figure 1; Plots of anxiety are not matched the vertical scale.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
None

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions
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