Reviewer’s report

Title: Validity Testing of a Measure of Prostate Cancer Screening Anxiety

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Reviewer: David Christie

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Thanks for the chance to review this interesting article

I have some minor revisions as follows:
1. There seems to be a word missing in the third line of the discussion
2. The following sentence is also a bit cumbersome, maybe dd the word "the" before the word "construct"

I have one discretionary comment:
Prostate cancer has been shown to be associated with psychosocial distress due to anxiety (for example see Sharpley et al Psycho-Oncology 16: 660–667 2007). However in the case of distress, the anxiety is more serious and possibly warrants intervention and treatment. The questions used don't seem to address distress or include questions that would enable more seriously anxious patients to be identified. Naturally the screening of the general population for prostate cancer and the screening of prostate cancer patients for anxiety are separate issues but are related and could be mentioned.

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

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 interests