Reviewer's report

Title: Reliability and validity of Hospital anxiety and depression scale (HADS) in Emergency department in Saudi Arabia

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The manuscript is well written and has thorough statistical analyses, but some sentence structures and word choices need slight revision. For example, in the Introduction section, the word 'clearly' should be deleted from the first sentence (line 30), and should be written as: 'the prevailing concept of health identifies mind and body ...' instead.

2. In line 36, the word 'raised' should be replaced with 'yielded', giving the sentence: 'many studies worldwide have consistently yielded low ...'

3. In line 39, the words 'add on' should be deleted

4. In line 41, the word 'till' should be deleted

5. In line 53, the word 'proved' should be replaced with 'proven

6. In line 60, the word 'existing should be replaced with 'existence'.

7. The description of the HADS scale in the introduction section from lines 42-56 should be shortened in order to give a more concise background information on the HADS scale.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.