Reviewer's report

Title: Memory Complaints and Depressive Symptoms Over Time: A Construct-Level Replication Analysis

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Previous suggestions have been well addressed in the revision. Here are a few points that may need further clarification.

- In the first paragraph of background (P.5), the authors mentioned that memory complaints and depressive symptoms have "unique predictive utility". However, the cited research only covered that compared with depressive symptoms, memory complaints has a unique and stronger predictive effect for cognitive decline. How about depressive symptoms? Any literature may support the unique role of depressive symptoms in aging cognition?

- In the second paragraph on P.6, the variability in assessment of memory complaints was mentioned as one of the limitations. What problems might be caused if perceived memory declines and memory ratings were confused as the same thing? Since the two were analyzed separately in the current study, this should be elaborated a bit more in the background.

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