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Review comments

Title of the manuscript: The development and psychometric properties of a measure of clinician’s attitudes to depression: the revised Depression Attitude Questionnaire (R-DAQ).

The authors developed a revised version of the Depression Attitude Questionnaire (R-DAQ), and showed the validity in convenient samples (majority of the samples were nurses). The R-DAQ was a 22-time self-report questionnaire, having good internal consistency and satisfactory test-retest reliability. Exploratory factor analysis showed a three-factor structure (professional confidence, therapeutic optimism/pessimism, and a generalist perspective).

Major compulsory revisions

No major critical comment. The paper was written well.

The convenient sampling may limit the interpretation of the results, but the limitation has written in the limitation section.

Even though some limitations were there, the authors showed the information of the validity of the R-DAQ, and the R-DAQ is useful to evaluate educational and training programs for health professionals regarding depression care with cautions for the limitations.

Minor essential revisions

Page 1, METHODS in the ABSTRACT: the number "1044" may be "1047. In the Table 1, the total number was 1047. And, in the Table 4, also the "n" was 1047.

Discretionary revisions

As shown in the Table 1, majority of the samples were nurses. GPs were only 3.5% of the total sample. Although in the limitation section authors wrote that the study participants may not be representative of the variety of settings and of professional groupings for which this scale is designed, please describe the limitation of the results to apply the questionnaire to GPs.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

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