Reviewer's report

Title: Enthusiasm for homework and improvement in subthreshold depression during behavior therapy: Secondary analysis of data from a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: David Streiner

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This is a very interesting study looking at the relationship between enthusiasm for homework and improvement of sub-threshold depression. Of particular interest is the lack of relationship between symptoms and enthusiasm at each time point, and the negative correlation between enthusiasm and symptoms at the following session. For the most part, the data are very competently analyzed.

Major compulsory revisions: None

Minor essential revisions:
1. Given the high mean enthusiasm scores, I would like to see the range of scores in addition to the SD. My concern is a ceiling effect, which may limit the strength of the association.
2. In addition to the CFI and RMSEA, I would like to see the Tucker-Lewis Index, if it is available from AMOS.
3. The P levels for the chi-squares should be reported as < .01 or < .001 rather than as .00.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.