Reviewer’s report

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For the analysis, the authors classified the participants into three groups. Why was this classification used?

The authors did not mention from where they got the cut-off point to classify the participants into the non-depression group. The participants who reported no or one symptom were classified as non-depressive. Was the cut-off point for non-depressive group from Henkel et al, (2003)? This was not explained in the manuscript. It would be better if the authors stated the reference for the classification of the non-depressive group in this manuscript.

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