Author’s response to reviews

Title: Validation of a Short Arabic UPPS-P Impulsive Behavior Scale

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I would like to thank you for your work and for the comments of the reviewers.

Please find attached the revised manuscript (modifications in bold characters).

All the suggested formal modifications were made.

The following modifications were furthermore made:

1. Comment: « Who made the back-translation? Hopefully a different professional translator, please specify) »

   Answer: The following precision was added: and then back-translated (by the authors GB and YK) into Arabic.

2. Comment: « SAS 9.3 and LISREL. Add proper references for statistical

   Answer: The following precisions were added (bold characters): « To determine the factor structure of the Arabic S-UPPS-P, we used a confirmatory factor analysis (CFA), computed with SAS 9.3 (Copyright (c) 2002-2010 by SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA) and LISREL 8.80 for Windows (Jöreskog and Sörbom 2006), to analyze the covariance matrix. »

3. Comment: « We used CFA instead of an exploratory factor analysis because the former allows testing of specific a priori hypotheses regarding the factorial structure of the scale, which is particularly suited for translations of scales having received prior validations, as is the case for the S-UPPS-P. Move this statement to the discussion section. »

   Answer: Moved to the discussion section accordingly
4. Comment: « However, is known to increase with sample size, and [31] noticed that it is unusual to obtain a nonsignificant when performing CFAs on self-report questionnaires. Move this statement to the discussion section »

Answer: If OK for you, this sentence was not moved to the discussion section. I think it is easier to understand the statistical analysis without moving it.

5. Comment: « The main limitation of the present study is that the sample was composed mainly of university students, which limits its representativeness. Add other important limitations that reduce the generalizability to the Arab population of results: 73.4% female, online recruiting, not gathered the level of instruction. »

Answer: The following limitations were added: Several other limitations reduce the generalizability to the Arab population of the results. The sample included a majority of female (73.4%) and was recruited online leading to possible recruitment biases [34]. Furthermore, details about the exact level of instruction were not collected.

6. Comment: Add a list of abbreviations.

Answer: Done