Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of exhaustion symptoms in patients with stress-related and other psychiatric and somatic diagnoses

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The paper has been substantially improved and the authors have replied to all my previous comments. I have only few minor comments.

Abstract

Age had no significant effect on the KEDS sum score? This is written as causality was studied. More correct is to state that that young and old patients score similarly on KEDS. The same goes for this statement in the result section

Introduction

"Stress is a major concern in many countries". I suggest that you omit this statement and just start with that stress-related problems are increasing. If you decide to keep this statement, then you will have to write what you mean with stress as unfortunately this word has so many different definitions. Check the references that you use (1-4) and what has been studied that is stated as major concern.

Suggest that the following sentence "Successful prevention and treatment of stress-related health problems depends on, among other things, instruments for monitoring these problems, e.g. a rating scale to assess stress-related symptoms. To serve this purpose, a rating scale should be based on the core symptoms of stress-related disorders"

Is changed to i.e. "Successful prevention and treatment of stress-related health problems are urgently needed as well as instruments for assessment and monitoring of symptoms. To serve this purpose, a rating scale should be based on the core symptoms of stress-related disorders"

Method;

"Patients who did not speak Danish, and hence were unable to understand the questions in KEDS, were excluded". If speaking Danish was an inclusion critiera, then the right term to use here was that these patients were not included.
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