Reviewer’s report

Title: Mediation and moderation analyses: exploring the complex pathways between hope and quality of life among patients with schizophrenia

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Reviewer: OCISKOVÁ MARIE

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Dear authors,

I value the effort that you put into the corrections of the paper. These are my remaining comments:

- It remains a question if it is really necessary to include each studied factor in the title. It still remains somewhat confusing.

- The language needs significant improvements.

- The new text sometimes lack citations (for example, "QOL is a critical clinical outcome, closely related to patient function and disability, and is often a direct evaluation indicator of personal recovery outcomes among patients with schizophrenia." - No citations back these claims.).

- I read your arguments for your definition of clinical stability (the two studies of Hasan that draw the definition from an Indian study) but it is so far, from what is the standard in the field, that I find it unacceptable.

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