Reviewer's report

Title: Emotional Suppression and Depressive Symptoms in Women Newly Diagnosed with Early Breast Cancer

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Somewhat..I don't think they can coclude that the women were in need of an intervention. CES-D is a screening tool..<which would indicate referral to determine if the person was, in fact, depressed.
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   See comment above #5 and I would suggest changing the wording "restricted emotion coping" to something like controlled emotion coping or suppressed emotions in coping
9. Is the writing acceptable? Needs some attention to grammar and also APA style

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

None