Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Tananze Tinati

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This article examines the relationship between women newly diagnosed with breast cancer and emotion, specifically depression and suppression. It is novel by virtue of the patient group, as there is a paucity of research with Chinese breast cancer patients.

The paper is structured and presented well. There are some interesting insights that could be taken into routine care.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Throughout the article, there are grammatical mistakes that need attention. For example, please remove instances of ‘researches’ and replace with ‘research’. Please do not start sentences with ‘And’.

PG4:
Line 5: change to ‘which used to be a’
Lines 6-9 needs grammatical improvement.
Line 21: change to: …quality of life, ‘and may even have’…

PG6:
Line 1: change ‘research’ to ‘study’
Line 10: use aims rather than ‘purposes’.
Line 20: use recruited not ‘collected’

PG7:
Two inclusion criteria presented, but in line 8, it states women were chosen in they fit the 1st 3 inclusion criteria – please clarify.
Line 13: after rural, include ‘areas’. This is repeated in a few other places.

PG8:
Line 3 – removed ‘were voluntary’ replace with ‘volunteered’. Replace ‘elimated’ with ‘excluded’.

PG11:
In various places please use the term ‘significantly different’.
In the discussion section, please present a section on the strengths and limitations of the present study.

PG13
Lines 10-13 are not clear, please clarify.
Line 21: extent not extend

PG14
Lines 13-14 are not clear, please clarify.

PG15
Line 6 change to ‘difficulty in expressing’
Lines 9-12 are not clear, please clarify.

Referencing:
PG10
Lines 10 & 14 please use the author’s last, not first, name
Line 17 – please reference this finding.

**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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests