Reviewer's report

Title: The cross-cultural validity of the Resilience Scale for Adults: A comparison between Norway and Brazil

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Major Compulsory Revision:

The authors have done an adequate job in addressing my previous concerns and in clarifying some ambiguities in the text, such as explicitly stating that the instructions by Satorra and Bentler were followed in the chi-square difference tests. I am of course aware that Satorra has provided a difference formula to compare the rescaled chi-squares and simply wanted the authors to provide this information to the reader (I don’t think the reader should have to closely inspect Table 2 and notice that the delta chi-square values differ from a pure subtraction).

Personally, I am not a big fan of terms like “marginally” or "bordeline" significant. Either the result is significant or it is not, however arbitrary the threshold for significance may be. Is it not also somewhat paradoxical to control for familywise error rate and then not adhering to it? However, I acknowledge that many people have different opinions on these matters.

In sum, the authors have adequately responded to all my comments in the major compulsory revision.

Minor Essential and Discretionary Revisions

Overall, the authors have provided satisfactory responses to my comments in the minor essential and discretionary revisions. I would like to make one further comment pertaining to the use of goodness-of-fit indexes in model comparisons. I appreciate that no firm guidelines exist with regard to cut-off values, but surely more than one simulation study exists that could have provided a guideline (such as e.g. the seminal Cheung and Rensvold paper)? This is, of course, a very minor issue.

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I declare that I have no competing interests