Reviewer’s report

Title: German Version of the Death Attitudes Profile- Revised (DAP-GR) – Translation and validation of a multidimensional measurement of attitudes towards death

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Thank you for the improved manuscript. Some further comments:

1. The intro refers to natural acceptance when neutral acceptance may be the desired term.

2. A limitation of the study is that the correlations meant to test convergent validity were not significant, suggesting that more theoretical work may be needed to identify predictive relationships.

3. p. 13, line 278: two error covariances?

4. Table 3 has been mislabeled Table 2. Also please include the original English items along with the German items in this Table to better reach a larger audience.

5. Focusing on the CFA results in Figure 2, the intercorrelations between the factors suggest that there may be a higher order factor structure present. On the one hand, approach and escape acceptance appear to cluster together describing perceptions of the positive aspects of death. And on the other hand, you may have a higher order negative dimension composed of fear of death/death avoidance anchoring one end of this spectrum, and neutral acceptance anchoring the other. These overarching positive and negative attitudinal dimensions appear to be independent of each other. In future work, it may be worth considering the meaning and implications of this structure, in that positive and negative attitudes are not necessarily the direct opposites of one another (see also work on masculinity/femininity, or concerning positive and negative emotions in social psychology, in which similar patterns have been found). May be worth briefly discussing in the discussion.

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