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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have investigated the mood spectrum model and reviewed the studies using the "Structured Clinical Interview for Mood Spectrum" (SCI-MMODS) and the "Mood Spectrum Questionnaire" (MMODS-SR). This is a well-conducted review of studies and the table is useful and informative. The manuscript including abstract is well written and structured clearly. I like to make the following comments for the authors to respond to improve the quality of the manuscript. In particular, I have some minor specific comments in the discussion. - In line with the title, which not directly focus on the SCI MOODS and the MOODS-SR, the discussion could discussed the result of the review with some other instrument used to investigate the Mood spectrum model, in particular the MATHyS Henry C, M'Bailara K, Mathieu F, et al. Construction and validation of a dimensional scale exploring mood disorders: MATHyS (Multidimensional Assessment of Thymic States). BMC Psychiatry 2008;8:82. - There is a large broad range of studies concerning mixed depression and the evolution in DSM-5. Please discuss a bit more this point in the discussion. - Last, implication of the results of the review in term of prognostic and therapeutic could be more discussed to highlight the great interest of this article for the clinician.

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World Journal of Psychiatry. Number ID: 02445686 ESPS Manuscript NO: 14290 Title: "The Mood Spectrum Model: evidence reconsidered in the light of DSM-5" It is an interesting, exhaustive and well written review study on the use of the Mood Spectrum Questionnaire (MOODS-SR), an instrument developed to assess the wide area of phenomenology belonging to the mood spectrum. Evidence coming from the mood spectrum approach is reconsidered in the light of DSM-5. Data emerging from the mood spectrum approach suggest the existence of a continuum from 'pure mania' to 'pure depression', without a clear cut-off between the two dimensions, thus confirming the need for a probabilistic approach towards mood disorders. Conversely, the DSM-5 task force for mood disorders decided that the unipolar/bipolar dichotomy would better fit for a diagnostic manual, the major aim of which is to help clinicians and researchers in the diagnostic process. In the method section it would have been valuable to include literature search strategies and other sources of information used to prepare this manuscript. In general Authors should be consider if psychiatry can, or will able, to be included in the medicine sciences (necessarily categorial) or not. A diagnostic manual should help clinicians and particularly reserchers in the diagnostic process and not to discuss psychopathological phenomena, in many cases absolutely and necessarily subjective.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors review the studies with the Mood Spectrum Questionnaire (MOODS-SR) and discuss the studies in the light of DSM-5. The topic is interesting, although restricted to this one questionnaire.

1. The paper includes a lot of information; the readability of the results could be improved with a summary table or figure, and also by shortening the text. Title: 2. The role of DSM-5 is not very large, so maybe not needed in the title. One could also add more on DSM-5 to the text. Abstract: 3.

The last sentence of the abstract should be modified and the sentence should describe what was found in relation to the DSM-5 (as in "core tip"). Introduction: 4. Are there many versions of the scales? How many translations are available? Materials and Methods: 5. The Figure 1 could be improved, see e.g. instructions in PRISMA guidelines. 6. Authors mentioned that they used previously established inclusion and exclusion criteria. There should be a reference to these. Why was it necessary that two of the three search terms were found from the abstract? It seems that terms SCI-MOODS and MOOD-SR would be adequate on their own. Results: 7. The results could describe more what was found: in how many different samples the instruments were used? in which countries? 8. The name of the study (if available) and country should be added to the Table. It could be marked which studies were from the same sample. 9. The first (a) paragraph could be entitled "Validity and reliability". 10. Are the later articles studies also reliability and validity in their samples? What they have found? 11. Some of the results paragraphs, e.g. "d", should be shortened. Discussion: 12. Authors should discuss their finding also in relation to related instruments (e.g.



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