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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Chan SHW et al.: Evaluating the emotion regulation of positive mood states among people with bipolar disorder using hierarchical clustering This cross-sectional study aimed to explore the associations between the Behavioral Approach System (BAS) sensitivity level, coping flexibility, and mood states among people with BD after they encounter BAS-activating life events. Results showed that a low mass of coping combined with low BAS sensitivity level protects people with BD from detrimentally accentuating mood states when they encounter BAS-activating life events. Moreover, coping flexibility is demonstrated to mediate and moderate the relationships between BAS sensitivity level and mood states. The study is well-designed and appropriate methodology was used. Results are moderately interpreted. These results help integrate the concept of coping flexibility into the BAS dysregulation theory and have practical implications for the improvement of stress management programs. Minor comments to improve the quality of the manuscript: Materials and Methods, Procedures: please provide a flow chart about the selection of the participants. How many patients were excluded for any reasons? How many patients were approached but refused participating? Was there any statistical difference between the consented and non-consented groups? Unemployment rate was relatively high in the study group. May have any correlation between the high unemployment rate and the payed compensation?