**Cover letter**

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Editorial Department of Universa Medicina

Dear Editor of Universa Medicina

I am submitting a manuscript for consideration of publication in Universa Medicina. The manuscript is entitled “Psychometric properties of Persian Version of Beck Depression Inventory in Coronary Arteries Patients”.

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your focus is on research that is relevant to patients and clinicians, such as management protocols resulting in improved outcomes for the patient. Patient perspectives such as satisfaction, quality of life and optimizing clinical outcomes are major areas of interest for the journal.

Depression is one of the cardiovascular problems’ risk factors which has been reported as linked to negative treatment results and even increased death rates among such patients. Quick and accurate diagnosis of depression in coronary arteries patients is one of the pressing priorities.

it is necessary to investigate the reliability and validity of Beck depression inventory in different countries and with different populations. It is, thus, mandatory to investigate the psychometric specifications, the diagnosis cut-off point and operating structure of the inventory among coronary arteries patients in Iran. Accordingly, the present research aims at investigating the reliability, validity, the cut-off point, and operating structure of the inventory in Iranian coronary arteries patients.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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