

Table 2 Comparison of the of Major Depression Inventory, Arabic version (MDI-A) mean item scores between patients and controls at baseline assessment for patients with major depression and non-depressed controls

Item #	MDI-A item	Patients (n = 50)	Controls (n = 50)	Mann-Whitney test	
		Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	z	P-value
1	Have you felt low in spirits or sad?	4.1 (0.9)	1.8 (1.6)	6.611	< 0.001
2	Have you lost interest in your daily activities?	4.1 (0.8)	1.5 (1.5)	7.404	< 0.001
3	Have you felt lacking in energy and strength?	4.0 (0.8)	1.5 (1.5)	7.255	< 0.001
4	Have you felt less self-confident?	3.7 (0.8)	1.1 (1.2)	7.655	< 0.001
5	Have you had a bad conscience or feelings of guilt?	2.8 (1.6)	0.5 (1.2)	6.675	< 0.001
6	Have you felt that life wasn't worth living?	2.1 (1.3)	0.4 (0.9)	6.197	< 0.001
7	Have you had difficulty in concentrating, e.g. when reading the newspaper or watching television?	3.0 (1.3)	0.6 (1.0)	7.275	< 0.001
8a	Have you felt very restless?	1.9 (2.0)	0.3 (0.6)	4.116	< 0.001
8b	Have you felt subdued or slowed down?	1.6 (1.8)	0.3 (0.8)	3.850	< 0.001
9	Have you had trouble sleeping at night?	2.8 (1.5)	0.5 (0.9)	6.852	< 0.001
10a	Have you suffered from reduced appetite?	2.5 (1.7)	0.5 (0.9)	5.576	< 0.001
10b	Have you suffered from increased appetite?	0.8 (1.6)	0.4 (1.1)	1.130	0.260
	Total score	33.2 (4.3)	9.5 (8.7)	8.480	< 0.001

SD = standard deviation.