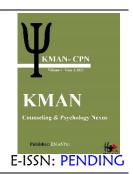


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# Effectiveness of Horticultural Therapy on Improving Memory, Alexithymia, and Severity of Symptoms in Patients with Persistent Depressive Disorder

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#### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Consider methods to enhance the study's generalizability, such as increasing the sample size or including participants from diverse backgrounds.

Expand the literature review to include more direct research on horticultural therapy.

Provide a more detailed rationale for the statistical methods used and discuss their implications.

Deepen the analysis of why certain outcomes were not achieved and explore theoretical implications.

Address the study's limitations more thoroughly and suggest future research directions.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

# 1.2. Reviewer 2

## Reviewer:

Make minor edits for clarity and conciseness in the manuscript.

Consider additional statistical analyses to explore the data further.

Broaden the discussion on the practical implications of the findings for clinical practice and policy. Expand the limitations section to offer more depth on potential impacts and future research directions. Update the reference list with the latest relevant research to ensure the study's current relevance.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted. Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.

