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Dear Prof. Iliescu, dear editorial team,

we are excited to submit the attached manuscript *A German version of the State Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale (S-DERS): Translation, Validation and Extended Factor Models* for consideration as an original research article in the European Journal of Psychological Assessment.

There is an increasing shift towards researching emotion regulation as a dynamic process. In 2017, the original S-DERS was published, providing a measure to study emotion regulation difficulties on a basis of states, rather than retrospectively self-evaluated traits. Such measures can provide essential insights for processes related to well-being and psychopathology.

In our preregistered study, we not only present and validate a German version of the S-DERS following an experimental mood induction, but also take a more comprehensive look at different structural equation models which can account for relations between different subfactors of emotion regulation difficulties. These include the most relevant models in this domain, i.e., simple structure, exploratory structural equation models, higher-order, bi-factor, and network models, which are systematically compared.

Our results provide important insights into the intrinsic structure of state-based emotion regulation difficulties, which to date do not exist, and further elucidate their relation to dimensions of mental well-being. To support future research, we provide open data and code as resources for replication and further study by the research community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to share our findings with your readers.

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Automatisch generierte BeschreibungSincerely,

Dr. Maurizio Sicorello