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Emanuele Maria Merlo, PhD  
Editor-in-Chief *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology*

Dear Professor Emanuele Maria Merlo,

I am submitting a manuscript entitled, “Development of a short version of the Spielberger state and trait anxiety inventory for pregnant women” for consideration for publication in *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology*. The manuscript is 4,670 words long (excluding tables, figures and references) and contains 5 tables and 2 figures.

We are particularly enthusiastic about sending this to *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology* given that the field has lacked a brief version of the STAI state and trait anxiety scales targeted at pregnant people.

I would like to inform you that we had sent this paper previously to *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology*, but we had to withdraw it because we did not have enough time to modify it as requested by the Reviewers by the deadline. The version of the paper that we are submitting now also takes into account the suggestions provided by the Reviewers.

I do not have any interests that might be interpreted as influencing the research, and APA and AMA ethical standards were followed. My authors and I would prefer to err on the side of “over-disclosure,” so we have listed the affiliations and interests that would be disclosed at most medical journals.

I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. I understand that, if accepted for publication, a certification of authorship form will be required.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute a paper for consideration in this journal. We look forward to the next steps in this process.

Best regards,

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