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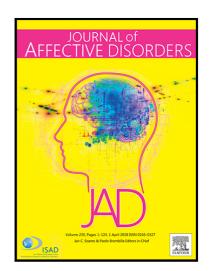
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Highlights:

- The psychometric properties of the Pregnancy-related Anxiety Scale were examined using Rasch Analysis.
- The scale demonstrated good fit to the Rasch model and the ability to discriminate between individuals.
- Scale properties can be enhanced up to interval-level of measurement using developed conversion algorithms.
- Confirmatory Factor Analysis supported the scale structure that demonstrated the best Rasch model fit and excellent reliability.
- The Pregnancy-related Anxiety Scale shows good psychometric properties and is useful for both clinicians and researchers.
- The subscales permit accurate estimation of specific pregnancy-related anxiety aspects enabling more targeted interventions.

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