Reviewer's report

Title: Reliability of the Marlowe-Crowne Social Desirability Scale in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, and Uganda

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Reviewer: Andrea Petróczi

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Generally I am satisfied with the correction made responding to my comments. One exception is comment no. 3 which remains to be addressed. The authors included results in their rebuttal letter but there is no attempt to explain the less than desirable Cronbach alpha values. Please dedicate a brief section to this in the discussion to inform readers and researchers wish to use the translated scale.

Three minor comments:

1. Formatting of the tables is not consistent.
2. I suggest that the authors include their observation regarding KR-20 and Cronbach alpha being similar in the text.
3. Cronbach alpha = 0.7 does not suggest high internal consistency; it is the minimum cut-off for acceptable internal consistency.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests