Reviewer's report

Title: Child mental health care in Dutch general practice: Time trend analyses

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My suggestions have been dealt with adequately and the response letter outlining the amendments was exemplary.

I have suggestions for 3 Minor Essential Revisions & 1 discretionary (non-essential)revision.

1) Page 10 last line of 1st para - please say 'after adjusting for gender...'

2) Page 10 final para, 1st & 2nd sentence - please add in 'with mental health problems' i.e. it should state 'The overall percentage of children with mental health problems receiving a psychotropic prescription did not change significantly over the years, whereas a slight decrease was found for adolescents (Table 4). The percentage of children with mental health problems...'

3) Page 13 2nd para has a typo - should state 'However, our data did not confirm this....'

Discretionary (non-essential)revision:

My preference would have been to analyse using three age categories (i.e. 0-5, 6-12, 13-18 years) as mental health problem recognition and drug intervention is very uncommon in pre-school children. However, the revised analyses with 2 age groups is acceptable.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests