Reviewer's report

Title: Observational Skills Assessment Score: reliability in measuring amount and quality of use of the affected hand in unilateral Cerebral Palsy

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Reviewer: Styliani Milioti

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Overall: In my opinion the sections “Method” and “Participants & study design” need rewriting.

Method:
This section must be placed after the Participants description

Participants and study design:
The separation of the first paragraph, concerning the participants description (A convenience sample of .................able to perform these tasks.) placed before the “Methods” section with the title “Participants”, will make it easier for the reader to follow.
The second paragraph (The three tasks......... 4 assessors for both age groups) must be included to the Method section before the OSAS administration protocol and the OSAS scoring protocol.

Minor Essential Revisions

Discussion:
2nd Paragraph, last sentence (In conclusion, the OSAS ......................... bimanual performance in CP children). Please replace the word performance with the word task of function since according to ICF, you have mentioned already, there is a clear distinction between “performance” and “capacity” and in your study you are not measuring performance but capacity.

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'