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Dear Dr Norton,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to revise our manuscript for possible publication in *BMC Paediatrics*.

Online we submitted a revised manuscript including track changes. All our reactions to the reviewers are depicted in gray. We appreciate the very useful recommendations for improving the manuscript and hope that we have addressed these recommendations satisfactory.

Sincerely yours, also on behalf of all other co-authors,

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Referee 1:

I would like to thank the editors for the opportunity to re-review this interesting work. Also I would like to thank the authors for their revision and for the clarification of important points. The manuscript has been significantly improved and I have only one minor suggestion:

1. On p 3, the sentence might rather be: “For children, compared to adults, it is difficult to respond spontaneously to their physicians' open questions during routine visits, therefore a structured questionnaire provided before the clinical visit might be useful to collect information on the children’s daily well-being and functioning.”

We would like to thank the reviewer for this suggestion. We added the following text to the manuscript:

“In addition, for children compared to adults, it is difficult to respond spontaneously to their paediatrician’s open questions during consultation. Therefore, a HRQOL questionnaire provided before the consultation might be useful to monitor, identify and discuss HRQOL issues faced by children with chronic illnesses”
Referee 2:
The revised manuscript is a narrative, describing author’s plans, design and thoughts during the development of a web-site for paediatric patients to self-report HRQOL. It does not contain any quantitative data and the conclusions can be only tentative. The two added case studies are good illustrations of the use of KLIK and the generated PROfile.

Minor comments:

1. Page 13, first paragraph has a section in Dutch.

We deleted this section.

2. The Conclusion is worded too strongly. The authors can’t really state that “KLIK profile is an efficient way to monitor and discuss HRQOL issues” until they complete the evaluation study. They perhaps can say that their experience during the study was positive and suggests that KLIK may contribute to such discussions.

We agree with the reviewer. We changed this section into the following text:

“Based on the positive experiences with the use of the KLIK PROfile acquired during the study we conclude that the KLIK PROfile may contribute to systematically monitor and discuss HRQOL issues during consultations.”

We also changed this section in the abstract.

3. Quality of written English needs some language corrections before being published.

We agree with the reviewer. We have sent the manuscript to professional translators for correction of written English.