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Dear Editor,

On behalf on the authors, I am glad to submit to BMC Pediatrics the following manuscript entitled “Cross-cultural adaptation and psychometric properties of the Brazilian-Portuguese version of the VSP-A (Vécu et Santé Perçue de l’Adolescent), a health-related quality of life (HRQoL) instrument for adolescents”. It is an original contribution reporting the cross cultural adaptation into Brazilian-Portuguese and the validation of a health-related quality of life (HRQoL) instrument for adolescents. In order to better examine Brazilian adolescents’ HRQoL, appropriate measures with sound psychometric studied in this specific context of use are needed. The Vécu et Santé Perçue de l’Adolescent (VSP-A), originally developed in France, is a generic, multidimensional self-reported instrument whose items were generated from individual interviews and focus groups conducted with adolescents. It was thus specifically designed for this age group and has been validated in other countries. A validated version of the VSP-A for use in the Brazilian context might be favourable to complement the assessment of Brazilian adolescents’ health. Another methodological interest of this study was to assess the validity of the Brazilian version of the VSP-A using methods relying on both classical test theory and item response theory.

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

Sincerely yours,

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