Reviewer’s report

Title: Qualitative observation instrument to measure the quality of parent-child interactions in young children with type 1 diabetes mellitus.

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Reviewer: Roque Cardona-Hernandez

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DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

In page 4, line 17 I would suggest to write the statement “this is approximately 10% of the total population of children with T1DM aged 0-7 years in the Netherlands [25]” as part of the discussion instead of the methodology.

In page 4, line 24, I would suggest to specify that “the sociodemographic questionnaire was designed specifically for this study” as it is not a validated questionnaire.

In page 7, in line 28, I would suggest to report in the methodology that HbA1c was measured closest to the home visit (in the paper it is reported in the results).

In the methodology, an explanation about how the sample size was selected and calculated could improve the understanding

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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