Reviewer's report

Title: Development process and cognitive testing of CARATkids - Control of Allergic Rhinitis and Asthma Test for children

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The authors explain in great detail the process to obtain an exhaustive questionnaire on the quality of life of children with asthma and rhinitis. The paper is well written and the process is flawless. However, it seems of little interest to the pediatric practice, being very preliminary with respect to its applicability. The test was structured after only 29 children -and their families- interviews; children are distributed in age ranging from 4 to 12 years; furthermore the 3 age groups consist of 3 (!) children (4-5 years), 15 (6-9 years) and 11 (10-12). In my opinion the article is better suitable for publication in a journal that deals with methodology rather than with clinical practice, at least until the questionnaire will be validated and proposed as such to the pediatricians.