Reviewer's report

Title: Parents' reported preference scores for childhood atopic dermatitis disease states

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General
The paper has much improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. The discussion improved a lot; but I think it is necessary to make clear that you got only self-report data and there could be a selection bias. In my opinion, the scientific profit of the study for the paediatricians is still not very clear.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Proxy reports are not valid measures of HRQOL in children - not in general. I would prefer a "more cautious" phrasing.

2. Did the authors control for double diagnoses?

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None.