Author's response to reviews

Title: Screening for autism and AD/HD. The A-TAC: further validation of a telephone interview in clinical and population samples.

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Dear Dr Hesse,

Hereby attached is the revised version of the manuscript, which we hope will meet the high standards set by the journal. We are thankful for your attention to our proposed manuscript, now resubmitted as a possible contribution to BMC Psychiatry. We have carefully considered all the comments, and have tried our best to further improve the manuscript in accordance with the suggestion. For a point-by-point discussion of the changes, please see below.

Yours truly,

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This includes:

- Clean up table 1. It is very difficult to get an overview of the table. Try instead to divide the whole table into two, each containing the same data as the original table, but specifically for boys and girls.

  - The Table has been divided into three: 1. The whole group, 2. Boys, and 3. Girls.

- Please relabel "Index I and II" to "clinical sample" and "community sample" (or "community recruited sample").

  - We have relabeled the groups in accordance to the referee.

- Please make sure that the webpage contains documents that correspond to the ones in the text. I did not find something called SV or Short Version in childpns.se/downloads.html. I did find the ASDASQ, and the A-TAC, as well as the ASSQ. Or, even better, upload the questionnaires as additional material, so that updates to the childpns-webpage will not leave the questionnaires untraceable.

  - We have updated the webpage and are grateful for the opportunity to include the questionnaires as additional material.

- Please check this: in the conclusion of the abstract, it says: "Short versions of algorithms worked as well as larger." Don't you mean "longer"?

  - This has been corrected as pointed out by the referee.

- Please remove the bullets in the conclusions section, and do not summarize strengths and limitations (were these written for the British Journal of Psychiatry?)

  - This section, inspired by BJP, has now been removed.