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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   The present study aims to examine the convergent validity of the Brazilian version of K-SADS-PL by comparison with a parental screening measure for child and adolescent emotional/behaviour problems (CBCL) that is extensively used internationally and validated in Brazil. The introduction is clear and justifies well enough the reasons for developing such study.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   The methods are appropriate and well described. Because of the characteristics of the Brazilian public health system and referral sources the study sample presented a strength: sources of referral included health professionals, schools, social services, and parents themselves contributing to build a final sample heterogeneous enough in terms of psychopathology, including children without disorders and clinical cases of different severity levels.

3. Are the data sound?

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   The data are sound and the authors have chosen good ways for reporting and depositing data.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   The authors performed an extensive literature review and included the most relevant papers which provided the reader with subside to the understanding of the discussion. Nonetheless the data per se supported the discussion and conclusion.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   The limitations of the study were clearly stated. However, it would be useful to learn more with the authors as regards the type of population / sample they would recommend the use of the K-SADS-PL or the CBCL or perhaps none of them.
The current study comes to meet the needs of Brazilian researches to have the option for better studied measures in local samples. These type of study provides information so that researches will not simply import measures without them being adapted and tested in the Brazilian population. I consider this a well written paper and would like to recommend it to be published.