Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Somatoform dissociation, 'pseudoneurological' symptoms and stress-related psychopathology in healthy adolescent population

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This piece of research could be interesting but the manuscript is all over a little bit careless written and untidy. It need to be re-worked. The method section need to be taken care of and re written.

Abstract- the conclusion section is unclearly written

Minor corrections Page 4 first paragraph need to be carefully read as there are some typos that are odd and need to be corrected.

Minor Page 4 second paragraph it should be clarified which countries participated in the study not only a description of few.

Same page mean age also SD should be added.

Major corrections: Method

Page 5

Procedure are not adequately described There is also no description how and where data were collected in hospital or at home ??? Need to be described. who collected the data ?

Major corrections Page 5 the whole section here concerning the instruments need to be better described and translations, year of translation and how well the instruments have shown to be concerning reliability and validity. In the Czech Republic and with references . First on top how was SDQ translated- there is now reference at all to translation nor to how and where- which study who had presented internal consistency . Validity need to be presented.

Also the description of TSC-40 is not enough for ex the authors write “symptom cluster” which symptom culsters? Need to be explained. The authors present reliability measures without any reference. Also validity is necessary and reference .BDI Cezch version but with no references to any studies .

Limitations are not stated at all and need to be done

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests