Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical Validation of the Portuguese Version of the CANFOR

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This is a well written paper on a European validation of an important needs assessment instrument. The justification for the study in terms of prison population in general and Portuguese prisons in particular are well made. Methodology and statistics were appropriate and the results consistent with previous work. The comparison psychometrics (BPRS & GAF) were well chosen. The discussion and conclusions are balanced and supported by the data. Limitations are acknowledged.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I confirm I have no competing interests in relation to the paper I have reviewed.