Reviewer's report

Title: Are psychosocial difficulties common across brain disorders?

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This study is touching an important topic of disability across various psychiatric and neurological disorders. In order to make it more useful and accessible for the readers the following improvements would be recommended:

Major revisions:

1. The form of results' presentation is very unclear. The most important table - table number 4 - is too vast and complicated. It should be divided in at least 3 parts. Taking into account the size of the article this decision leads to conclusion that maybe authors should choose some of the results and not present all of them in one paper.

2. Presentation of results is also unclear in the text. Too many abbreviations, symbols e.g. regarding questions in questionnaire.

3. The language of this article is very hermetic and not accessible to many potential readers. It is rather like the language of a European Commission document. Authors should pay more attention to whom this article is addressed and underline a more practical purpose and sense of what they have described.

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.