Reviewer's report

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General

An interesting and well-written secondary analysis of the COMACS Study Data.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1) p. 7, second para: Is this a speculation of the authors? Or is there research to support this statement?

2) p. 11, bottom: Can the authors explain in more detail why they combined the Attention and Deportment Scales of the SKAMP?

3) p. 12: The authors should mention here that the placebo response for the same time period is the covariate.

4) p. 13, line 2: typo: effects

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None