Author's response to reviews

Title: Psychometric properties of the Farsi translation of the Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia-Present and Lifetime Version

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Dear Matt Hodgkinson-Barrett BA Hons,

Thank you for your email dated on 7 Feb 2006 regarding the manuscript MS: 5800702347375726 - The psychometric properties of Kiddie-Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia- present and lifetime version- Farsi Version.

Please find the revised submitted version. The revision was based on the reviewers’ comments and marked in red color.

Changes based on the reviewer Toshiaki A Furukawa:
The following items were added to the text:

The two raters interviewed in succession, not in a conjoint session.

Another interviewer was the trained child and adolescent psychiatrist (A. G.).

He was a physician who had passed an extensive 2 months course of training about K-SADS and psychiatry.

Mauri Marttunen Reviewer:
The following paragraph and reference was added:

A pilot inter-rater reliability study of K-SADS-P for Greek children and adolescents showed that the Kappa statistic of the diagnosis for depressive disorders was 0.90 and inter-rater reliability of assessment of anxiety symptoms was lower ($r = 0.59$) than that for depressive disorders. The Kappa for conduct disorders was also high (Kappa = 0.90) [8].


Sincerely

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