Reviewer’s report

Title: The psychometric properties of Kiddie-Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia-present and lifetime version- Farsi Version

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Reviewer: Mauri Marttunen

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General

Comments on the revised ms. The ms has markedly improved after revisions. However, I still have some concerns specified below.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1) I would suggest the authors to rethink my comment #8 concerning the discussion. I think it would be informative for the reader to find some comparison between previous and present studies written in the discussion, not just a comparison with the Korean version in the tables.
2) I am aware of at least one more study (published as a letter to editor) on the psychometrics of the KSADS-PL. Since the literature is not abundant, the authors might wish to refer also to this small study (Kolaitis et al, Eur Psychiatry 2003;18:374-375). It provides some data on inter-rater reliability of the KSADS-PL for comparison of the present and previous studies.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.