Reviewer's report

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I think that the manuscript is basically publishable, although not perfect. I am very sympathetic with the authors who have done a satisfactory job.

I myself have two suggestions for further minor revisions.
1) In the methods section on the inter-rater reliability: was this a conjoint session (ie two raters sat at the same interview), or was a video used, or did two raters interview in succession?
2) In the methods section about the interviewers: What is this "2-month course of training"? Is it about K-SADS or about child psychiatry? And who was this another interviewer? If he is one of the authors, his initials should be listed. When the authors write "AY was a physician", it implies he was not a (child) psychiatrist. Was this the case? We need more information about him. Even if he was not a (child) psychiatrist, that is fine. The readers need to know what was done in a study.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no conflict of interest.