Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revision

The authors have followed the WHO guidelines and work in other countries in developing indicators (table 2). It should be a brief description on process of ensuring reliability as well as establishing face and content validity. It would be difficult to conduct criterion validation and the principles have already been well established. However some pilot testing on the instruments should have been performed. If not, the authors would discuss how they would ensure reliability and validity.

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