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Statistical referee
We thank the referee for their helpful suggestions. We have added a comment to the discussion about possible bias in the use of indirect standardisation, and the reference suggested.

Reviewer 2: Craig Newscaffer
There were two remaining points.
Point 2
Please see our response to the statistical referee above.

Point 7
We have added a comment to the discussion about the paucity of codes for autism in the OXMIS coding used in the early years of the study.