Reviewer's report

Title: Comparing three short questionnaires to detect psychosocial problems among 3 to 4-year olds

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Minor essential revisions: revise the manuscript for the use of scientific language in describing psychometric properties, grammar and typos;
revise the discussion in terms of the argument regarding cultural differences:
If the SDQ was developed in Great Britain and has not been previously validated in the Netherlands and the ASQ-SE was developed in the USA and also has not been previously validated in the Netherlands, how does the cultural differences argument hold to explain the weak results with the ASQ-SE? Do the authors imply that there are not cultural differences between Great Britain and the Netherlands? How about the KIPPPI that was developed with a Dutch sample? In sum, the authors need to revise these arguments.

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest