Reviewer's report

Title: Predicting personality disorder functioning styles by the Chinese Adjective Descriptors of Personality: a preliminary trial in healthy people and personality disorder patients

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1. The kind of brief interview to detect possible neurological or psychiatric problems seems to be a semi-structured interview. However, more detailed information is needed about the name, reliability, validity etc. of this interview.

2. So the patients were first diagnosed on the DSM-IV-TR criteria of personality disorders and later this was fully confirmed by the SCID-II? This is hard to understand; on what way did the researchers first diagnose these patients regards personality disorders, based a LEAD standard (Spitzer, 1983) or on another way? And later with the SCID-II, there was 100% concordance between the first mentioned Axis-II diagnosis and the results of the SCID-II of each patients? Please explain these remarkable results.

3. In total 67 patients with personality disorders were included, all specific personality disorder and the DSM-IV-TR personality disorders Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) was not diagnosed at all in this sample. Of course 10 patients with passive aggressive personality disorders were included (also categorized as personality disorder NOS), however all these 67 patients met the full criteria of one or two specific personality disorders, and there were no patients with symptoms characteristic for a personality disorder but did not meet the full criteria for any specific personality disorder (NOS criteria)? This is remarkable and in contrast with literature; personality disorders NOS are (most) often diagnosed (see Roel Verheul and others). Please explain.

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