Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnostic validity of the MINI-KID disorder classifications in specialized child and adolescent psychiatric outpatient clinics in Sweden

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I feel a description of the "LEAD" diagnostic model earlier in the paper would be beneficial for those who are not familiar with it.

Specific Recommendations:

Page 3, line 3: Change to "Clinical interviews in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry obtain information about symptoms and impairment related to various disorders, however, missing diagnostic information often gives..."

Page 3, line 30: should there be a "," after et al.

Page 4, line 4: insert a recent study of "the" MINI-KID

Page 4, line 5: DSM-IV-TR disorders (add the "s"). Very long sentence that is hard to follow. Recommend ending after "general population samples". It compared the factor structure..."

Page 5, line 19. "were examined by three MINI-KID interviews". Does this mean that each person conducted 3 interviews to be certified by the MINI-KID trainers or that 3 trainers assessed the interviewers?

Page 6, line 17: "took part of all data" - can you reword? Does this mean two clinical experts reviewed all data in the patient's medical record?

Page 8, line 4: place inside ( ) (median 1 SD 1.3, min 1, max 8).

Page 8, line 8: average 4 interviews each. Is this per patient? Suggest "average 4 interviews per patient"

Page 8, line 9: insert "," following During the interview,

Page 8, line 9: change to "At least one parent participated in the interview for 88 of 101 patients".

Page 8, Line 18: Change to During that period "," the total number of visits after the first visit "was" on average 7.5 (median 7, SD 4.3, min 2, max 21 with the 25th percentile at 4 visits).
Page 8, line 22: change "on" to "receiving"

Page 8, line 28. Change to "The MIN-KID interview yielded a higher number of diagnoses especially for anxiety disorders, behavioral/disruptive......"

Page 10, line 2: change "gives" to "provides"

Page 11, line 18. "problems not may be asked for" - makes no sense. Reword. Perhaps "that may not be asked about or documented"

Page 12, line 2: Our result or Our result(s)?

Tables look fine.

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