Reviewer's report

Title: Pedi-IKDC or KOOS-Child: which questionnaire should be used in children with knee disorders?

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Reviewer: Sebastian Farr

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The current study reports a translation and validation of pedIKDC and KOOS. It is well performed and of high relevance for pediatric orthopedic sports surgeons and the community.

Some questions have arisen during the review process.

Firstly, I do not fully understand why "unstable" knee conditions were excluded from the analysis. As we know, many knee pathologies in children may become better soon after some time and treatment (Schlatter etc.). They should however still be classifiable and measured with this tool or another one. The authors should better explain to the readers why the "stable" ones were only included.

In the Abstract lines 64&66 I suppose you meant "except" rather than "accept". Moreover, please mention the ranges for both tools and not only for the KOOS.

More than the results themselves I think such tools should be easy to apply in daily practice. Therefore I recommend to elaborate some more which of those is easier and faster to fill out for parents. This would be an additional point of relevance in favor of e.g. the pedi-IKDC.
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