The aim of the study was to investigate the service use, the unmet needs and the barriers the adolescents and young adults with ASD face in Poland. It is an interesting study focusing on people with ASD, a category of users that little is known.

Six points should be taken into consideration

Concerning the sampling procedure, authors report that they contact all the non-governmental organization and in sum 204 service providers correspond to their request. The organizations vary significantly from mental clinics and psychiatric wards to occupational therapy workshops. This consequently means the large diversity of the sample which includes inpatients and those who attend an occupational therapy workshop. Furthermore there are two different samples, of unequal size, thus the question is how will authors draw a reliable conclusions? The authors should clarify why they use adolescents and adults with ASD and parents. Was the difficulty of selecting adolescents and adults with ASD? It must also be mentioned the organizations the two samples derived.
The services under study include a wide range of social, educational, health services and training. In my opinion the study should be restricted to one sector, health services. Investigating the service use, the authors gave only the percentage of use while no statistical analysis was addressed in order to explore the predictors of each service use. It is expected that each service will be investigated separately.

Following the previous point, how unmet needs were defined in each service? For example how unmet needs in animal-assisted intervention was defined?

Unmet needs and the barriers related to accessibility, acceptability and availability should be studied separately controlled for socio-demographic, health and non health factors. It is expected that barriers would vary across different types of services.

Data in tables 2 and 3 must also be given in numbers. How many young adults report each barrier?

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