Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends in childhood and adolescent internalizing symptoms: results from Swedish population based twin cohorts

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Reviewer: Tracey Wade

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The authors have responded in some detail to all the reviewers' queries. Points for further consideration are listed below.

1. Along with Reviewer 4, I still consider the rationale for the manuscript to be weak.

2. The last sentence of the abstract is not particularly helpful - in essence "keep assessing everybody throughout early life" - this recommendation is unlikely to be acted on and I wonder if the authors can present a better take home message based on the evidence generated by their research.

3. Just because Cronbach alpha is widely used does not make it acceptable - see Peter's paper in The European Health Psychologist on "The Alpha and the Omega of Scale Reliability and Validity" for advice on computing omega, or Daniel McNeish's paper in Psychological Methods which offer excel sheets to calculate the H coefficient.

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