Reviewer’s report

Title: The relation of alexithymia and attachment with type 1 diabetes management in adolescents: A gender-specific analysis

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Interesting article.

The main limitation is the used of the TAS-20 that is very problematic in adolescents. Two studies must be discussed: (1) Loas et al, PLOS one, 2017, the measurement of alexithymia and adolescents...

and El Abiddine & Loas, International Journal of Culture and mental health, 2018, "Psychometric properties of the Arabic version of the AQC". The two studies suggest strongly two used in adolescents the TAS-20 without the 8 EOT items. Thus I suggest that the authors follow this recommendation. There is a consensus among the authors that EOT subscale in adolescents (notably 13-14 years) has low reliability: see Parker et al, 2010, psychological assessment, 2010, 22, 4, 798 for original version; see Meganck et al, psychological reports, 2012, 111, 2, 393-404 for Dutch version; Bolat et al, Anatolian journal of psychiatry, 2017, 18, 4, 362-368 for the turkish version....

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