Reviewer’s report

Title: Ensuring young voices are heard in core outcome set development: international workshops with 70 children and young people

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It is an interesting manuscript with a valid point. It is fair to include the opinion of those who will 'affected' by the outcomes (COS) despite their age. And this study should be the first step towards this goal. Further studies should be done about the subject.

Additional comments:

- There's no mention about any difference on the feedback received from children of age 10-14 and those of age 15-18. Would you consider that their understanding, interaction, involvement, and interest were at the same level? Was there any inconvenient about the vocabulary used?

- I believe this wasn't mentioned: What was the role of the parents/guardians during the workshops? Completely quiet or they helped with the tasks? What were the instructions that they received?

- Despite the suggestion given by the CYP about not including their parents/guardians during the workshop I would consider for further studies to include a survey for parents/guardians that should be completed after the workshop. It could even send online. They can be asked what they think about this kind of workshop and do they think their children were relaxed/confident about the activities and the environment? Parents know their children best.

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