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Emotional, Behavioral and Social Problems in Children with Fecal Incontinence by Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL): A Cross-sectional Study

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1 Original submission

1 comment · 18 Jul 2022

malihe roozbakhsh Reviewer

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Thank you to the authors of the article. The following points seem important.
The article title mentions the assessment of emotional, behavioral, and social problems in children with fecal incontinency, and the text states that the CBCL checklist was used.

However, this checklist alone cannot examine and assess these problems, and an evaluation by a child and adolescent psychiatrist is needed.

It is suggested that the title state that the assessment is based on the CBCL checklist
and that this issue also be mentioned in the text, particularly in the DISCUSSION section.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Reply to reviewers

Dear Editor-in-chief

My colleagues and I appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewers have dedicated to providing your valuable feedback on our manuscript. In response to the reviewers' comments, we have provided some explanations:

	Reviewer' query	Our response
Reviewer 1	*The title of the article mentions the assessment of emotional, behavioral, and social problems in children with fecal incontinency, and the text states that the CBCL checklist was used. However, this checklist alone cannot examine and assess the stated problems; a visit by a child and adolescent psychiatrist is required. It is suggested that the title state that the assessment was based on the CBCL checklist, and that this issue also be mentioned in the text, especially in the DISCUSSION section.*	As the reviewer also pointed out, the CBCL alone cannot confirm behavioral, emotional, and social disorders in children, and the definitive diagnosis of these disorders is made with the opinion of a child psychiatrist after clinical examinations. Therefore, we applied the suggested change in the article's title and highlighted the importance of visiting a pediatric psychologist in the discussion. All the corrections made are highlighted in the manuscript.
Reviewer 2	*Thank for your valuable efforts. Whereas this manuscript would not have enough novelty in psychiatry (previous similar studies) but could confirm other previous studies.*	There are indeed studies about this subject, and we explained some of the published articles in the last paragraph of the introduction. However, we showed that most of them evaluated the comorbidity of specific psychological disorders such as ADHD in children with FI. Also, according to our searches, there is no published research on the same study design in Iran.

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1 comment · 14 Sep 2022

Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Author,
Thank you for your efforts in revising the article. The manuscript is acceptable now.