The revised manuscript is improved compared to the first version. The main finding from this study, if it is correct, is that children with alopecia areata (AA) had more internalizing and social problems than children with atopic dermatitis (AD). However, I have major concerns with this revised version as I had with the first version. Some of my concerns have not been corrected by the authors in the revised manuscript without giving any justifications or comments. In addition I have a major concern with the changes made.

Major concerns with the revised version:
1. Risk of selection bias: The sampling procedure and response rate is not clarified. This should be done because the sample size seems smaller than expected when including only five patients per year per centre. In this revised manuscript the authors have included a new control group without giving any information about the selection or characteristics of this group. The risks and possible consequences of sampling bias should be discussed for all groups (AA, AD and new control group).

2. The revised discussion part is improved, but has major weaknesses. The results for AA-group, AD-group and the new control group could be compared to the normative Greek samples which was published by Roussos in 1999 (Roussos, A., et al. Achenbach's Child Behavior Checklist and Teachers' Report Form in a normative sample of Greek children 6-12 years old. European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 1999, 8(3), 165-172).

3. The control group seems to differ from the normative Greek sample on several scales, and the AD-group seems similar to the normative Greek sample on the Anxious/depressed scale, the Withdrawn scale, the Social problems scale and the Internalizing problems scale. The AD-group
has higher scores on the somatic complaints scale compared to the normative sample. This indicates that the control group have less mental health problems than the normative Greek sample and reduces the value of the control group.

Specific comments:
4. Title and abstract: the new title is very good. The abstract is improved, but the results need to be revised according to my concerns with the new control group. Still there is a confusing mix of first and second order scales reported in the results.

5. Introduction: page 2, line 56-57: the disagreement between informants is common in child and adolescent mental health and should not be attributed to restrictions in children with AA.

6. Methodology: Only one of my previous comments for this section has been addressed. The other comments are still valid: How many patients were included from each of the two centres? You have added that you included all patients that were followed as outpatients. But still there is too little information on the sampling procedure, recruitment, response rates at each centre, comparisons of included and not included patients, and who filled in parent questionnaires. The Achenbach reference is still not correct in the reference list.

7. Describe how you recruited the control group.

8. The description of the CBCL is now incorrect (line 109-113): the names on the syndrome scales are from the 2001-version and not from the correct 1991-version. The same error is in the results section and the tables 1, 4 and 5.

9. Statistical analyses: Give more information about the regression analyses performed.

10. Results and discussion: When you say no missing value was present in the whole sample, I understand that all responders had filled in all values in the questionnaires. This is unusual. Please explain how you obtained this. However, this was not my point in the previous comment, but rather number of patients missing (did not give their consent, was not asked, did not return the questionnaires, etc), and whether they were different from the sample.

11. Table 1: “Other problems” is not relevant.
12. Table 2 can be taken out and information given short in text as a description of the sample. This table shows that no mothers in the control group had lower education. What can that mean for your results?

13. Table 4 and 5: Make clear that you present several multiple regression analyses. Specify type of coefficient and include R-Square. “Other problems” is not relevant.

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