Reviewer's report

**Title:** Impact of juvenile idiopathic arthritis on schooling

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Minor essential revisions

1. In the author's response to reviews, they stated that information of the controls was included in Table 1; however, Table 1 continues to show only patient data.

2. Page 4, line 108. Change "child's" to "child"

3. Page 5, line 135. In the body of the manuscript, sulfasalazine is referred to as such; in the table, it is called salazopyrine.

4. Page 5, line 149. The p-value at the bottom of the page is listed as 1.6. should this have been 0.6?

5. Page 6, line 152. Please double-check that the median absenteeism rate (0.68%) is the same as the minimal absenteeism rate.

6. Page 7, line 191. The authors wrote, "We established that disease activity and CHAQ were the two significant factors..." CHAQ was not significant in the multivariate analysis.

Discretionary revisions

1. The authors might mention in the methods that information about the mothers of the control patients was not elicited, and include this as a limitation in the discussion.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests