Reviewer's report

Title: Does parenting style matter? - Predictors of suicide attempts in a representative sample of adolescents

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This paper deals with an important health issue, suicidal behaviour in adolescence. This is a very relevant topic since suicide is the main cause of premature death in adolescence. Therefore, all research efforts in order to look for risk and protective factors are needed. Besides limitations regarding the nature of epidemiological studies they provide very useful information. I will like to congratulate authors and collaborators of the study for the hard work done.

This paper is very well written, but extremely detailed; it seems exhaustive for the reader. I kindly suggest authors to short all the manuscript with the exception of introduction section, which is short and clear.

Some suggestions in order to make the manuscript shorter:

- Methods: It should be taken into account that methods section comprises more than 12 word pages!!!! I really think that can be summarized.

- Results: some results (odds ratios) are repeated in both the text and tables. Please choose one.

Is it table three really necessary? The full model is the most important result.

- Discussion: Your main aim was to identify the role that parenting styles plays in adolescent suicidal behaviour. However, in discussion section this is not deeply discussed. I suggest you to focus on this issue and the most interesting associations. Some of the predictors you find are well-known risk factors, so that I suggest not going into detail about them.

- Limitations: you have addressed suicide attempt by a single question. No information about number or severity of suicide attempts is provided.

Finally, I have a question about questionnaires

- Information about diagnosis of ADHD is given in your study. I wonder whether some other questions regarding other psychiatric disorders are included in the questionnaire. It has been extensively reported the association of depression with suicide attempts.

Have youngsters been questioned about having ever been diagnosed by a depressive disorder or other relevant psychiatric disorder (psychosis, bipolar disorder)?

I wonder whether the inclusion of depression as an independent variable would change the associations reported.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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