Reviewer's report

Title: Life course risk and resilience factors for behavioural and emotional problems in middle childhood

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Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

• 1) Inclusion of some of the literature in this field from Europe

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

• None

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

• 2) A comparison of demographic data for respondents versus non-respondents: this will assist the reader in determining how generalizable these findings are

• 3) Consideration of the impact of parenting and school performance on behaviour and vice versa for cross-sectional analyses as noted above

• 4) Consideration of the very strong gender difference for both internalising and externalising behaviours

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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