Title: Conceptualizing childhood health problems using survey data: A comparison of key indicators

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Dear Dr. da-Silva,

We would like to thank you and the two reviewers for the insightful comments they provided for our manuscript entitled, “Conceptualizing childhood health problems using survey data: A comparison of key indicators” (MS: 1995659993133548). As per your request, we are resubmitting a revised version of the manuscript and feel that it has been strengthened by the inclusion of the reviewers’ suggestions. Details of the changes are provided below.

A) the 4 discretionary revisions that had to do with spelling and wording have been corrected

B) the minor essential revisions have been reworked:
   1) adaptation of the colored Venn diagram so that it would be legible even if not printed in color
   2) inclusion of more details about the description of the Severe Health Difficulty group as compared to the other groups (see pages 17 & 22)
   3) addition to the discussion of suggestions for future research using different data sets including international data (see page 27)

C) The major compulsory revisions have been addressed as follows:
   1) calculation of effects sizes added to Tables 1-3 and included in results section where appropriate.
   2) addition of both percentages and effect sizes within the text (see results section)
   3) inclusion of analyses by age category (4-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., 10-11 yrs.) rather than by mean age and differences interpreted accordingly. Effect sizes have also been included for the age comparisons.

We hope that you find these changes acceptable and look forward to any additional comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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