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How to understand discrepancies in parent-child reporting of emotional and behavioural problems? Effects of relational and socio-demographic factors
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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
Yes.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
No, method description is not clear and precise. It not always correspond with data presented.
For example, when describing the use of the logistic regression there is no indication of what dichotomic variable(s) was or were used and how that/those was or were extracted by the original data. There is also a lack of information (for example confidence intervals etc.) on this analysis results.

3. Are the data sound? Yes

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? In the discussion there are some topics which were not introduced in previous parts of the paper.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? No, the authors mention in the abstract that gender is a predictor of disagreement between children and parents in the evaluation of children problems: the question is gender of whom (parents or children)? In the text this becomes indirectly clear, because they mention the lack of information on parent’s gender but it is necessary to read accurately the paper in order to make an educated guess on
the interpretation of the abstract.

9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes