Reviewer's report

Title: Common stressful life events and difficulties are associated with mental health symptoms and substance use in young adolescents

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All of my questions have been answered by the authors and both minor and major revisions have been considered in their revised manuscript.

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.