Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of the social environment on children's mental health in a prosperous city: an analysis with data from the city of Munich

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The paper discusses a very important topic and I enjoyed reading it.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Page 6, 2nd line, “...whether this proportion shows a social pattern.” Please specify what “social pattern” is being referred to.

2. Methods, Household income variable: Given the high percentage of the sample missing income information (39.8%), is the “missing income group” significantly different from the group that did provide income data? Please add in the main text how this was evaluated, and what characteristics were different between the groups.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Methods, Sample: Please specify what the acronym “GME” stands for in the first instance that it is mentioned.

2. Page 7, 2nd line: Please provide a reference for the “website of the city of Munich” that is being referred to.

3. Methods: is it possible to provide a percentage to illustrate the “high number of preschool children”?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.