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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(1) clear questions highly relevant to social epidemiology and public health
(2) design ist good, methods and analyses are suitable
(3) results are presented well in a very systematic way
(4) discussion is adequate and contains all necessary aspects
(5) some questions concern the somewhat skewed distribution of the sample in the SES as more than 50 percent are categorised in the higher education group, should be commented.
(6) in the analyses, comparisons are made and reported only between high and low status groups, what about differences between the medium group and the high and low groups?

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.