Reviewer's report

Title: School difficulties and role of social, material, behavioural, physical and mental resources among multi-cultural students

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Throughout the paper the word "heath" is used instead of "health" Please correct all of these, including in tables.

2. Page 6: Associations of school difficulties with various factors are show in Table 3. grammatically incorrect; should be "Associations of school difficulties with various factors are shown in Table 3.

3. Be consistent, at points the response rate is reported as 95% and other times as 94%.

4. Discussion needs a careful reading for grammatical errors.

5. Table 2; replace Age : Mean (SD) (yr) with Age (yr): Mean (SD)

6. Table 2; replace Age at initiation for users: Mean (SD) (yr) with Age at initiation for users (yr): Mean (SD)

Discretionary Revisions

7. Page 5: 'Do you have repeated school year(s) at primary school and middle school?' grammatically incorrect; should be 'Have you repeated school year(s)...?'

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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