Reviewer's report

Title: School difficulties in immigrant adolescent students and roles of socioeconomic factors, unhealthy behaviours, and physical and mental health

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Discretionary Revisions:
NONE

Minor Essential Revisions
Page 5 Material and Methods Paragraph 4-when discussing occupational categories, clarify if these are parent occupations or child.
Page 5 Material and Methods Paragraph 4-what is "inactive"--is that equivalent to unemployed?
Page 5 Material and Methods Paragraph 5-for questions relating to substance use, how did you categorize, did you dichotomize into never versus ever? Be specific Page 6 Material and Methods Paragraph 7-I think your response rate (or at least the people you included in your statistical analyses) was 93.5% 1559/1666.
Page 8 Discussion Paragraph 3-when discussing "overlaps" do you mean possible interaction or co-linearity between 2 variables Throughout the paper you refer to first adolescence and second adolescence, you may want to use early and late rather than first and second. I think that "early" and "late" are more commonly used terms Table 3-add a row that labels OR and 95% Confidence Interval-similar to table 4 Table 4-consider putting a subscript by your columns labeled "%" and then the superscript (b) in the footnote. It will be easier to understand the column and footnote with a superscript.
There are still a lot of grammatical errors. I have attached a copy with my corrections in red. I would suggest giving a very careful read through, as I am sure I did not catch all of them.

Major Compulsory Revisions
NONE

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interest.