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General
The current version of the paper is much improved and all previous comments were well addressed. The language of the paper has much improved. More specific comments are below.

Introduction
1. The language of the introduction has improved, the requested changes were made, and more current literature is cited. The authors had also presented the concept of bully-victim early on in the introduction.

Methods

Minor Compulsory Revisions
2. Under measures, the authors describe how bullying as measured. In their cover letter, the authors mentioned that that type of questions were examined in the pilot phase and were found to have good face validity. However, this information is missing from the actual manuscript and is of importance.

3. The authors have clarified that inter-rater reliability was not tested. This should be mentioned in the limitations (inter-rated reliability should be tested between schools, so even if there is one rater per class, the instrument needs to stand that test).

Major Compulsory Revisions
4. Under methods – family socioeconomic status – paragraph, towards the end of the paragraph: the authors explain why ‘one working parent’ is chosen as the reference category. However, given that the authors indicate that both parents working could indicated either very low or very high SES, the value of this indicator is unclear. Unless it is a proxy for parents’ supervision (or the lack of) but then again, it needs to be clearly explained. The same issue is repeated in the Results section, with employment put under family SES, although it is impossible to identify direction with this indicator. The lack of clarity of what this indicator measure significantly hinders the quality of this manuscript.

Discussion

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5. The discussion is much stronger, but again, the issue of parental employment needs to be resolved, and probably with the lack of clear conceptual explanation of what the category of two working parents mean, removed from the analysis and manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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No competing interests