Reviewer’s report

Title: Associations between factors within the home setting and screen time among children aged 0-5 years: a cross-sectional study

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Major compulsory revisions
The abstract needs to say what the significant factors associated with screen time are in more specific detail - too general as written now.

This also applies to the discussion. While the modelling is framed about the ecological model, to make it more relevant for practitioners wanting to identify modifiable strategies for intervention, could the authors refer to the specific scales.

Minor essential revision
Table 3 - cooefficient for family structure in 4-5 year olds would appear to be not significant based on the confidence interval, but shows an asterisk indicating P<0.05.

Within some of the scales I wanted to know which of the items contributed most or would be the most important areas to focus on. Can the authors tease this information out more?

Discretionary revisions
Normative perceptions based on the question about maximum screen time may more realistically reflect awareness of various guidelines about screen time, and have some inherent positive response bias. Perhaps the label for this variable might be changed?

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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