Reviewer’s report

Title: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Frequent Insufficient Sleep in 5 U.S. States, 2009: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Results: the N provided against your sample characteristics in Tables 1 and 2 do not match the percentages reported. For example, 16,474 women out of 25,810 is 64%, not 52%, and likewise for the male proportion. 11,208 participants with ACE=0 is 43.4%, not 40.5% and so on. Please explain why your proportions differ, or change in the tables and text if they are incorrect.

Minor Essential Revisions:
2. How was the cut-off of 14 days chosen for the sleep problem definition? Is this categorization validated against other sleep disorder measures or a clinical definition? If not and it was chosen by the authors, please provide a justification why.

Discretionary Revisions:
3. Should the reference to Table 3, Model 1 on p12 be Table 4, Model 1?

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