Reviewer’s report

Title: Can Negative Life Events and Coping Style Help Explain Socioeconomic Differences in Perceived Stress Among Adolescents? A cross-sectional study based on the West Jutland Cohort Study

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The paper has been elaborated extensively. All my previous comments/questions have been addressed appropriately. Nevertheless, I still have some minor revisions:

1. Some punctuation mistakes:
   a. In the footnotes of table 2 to 4: it should be .05<p<.01 rather than .05<p>.01 and so on.
   b. Two full stops after each other (page 7 and 13)
   c. the use of a comma as decimal point: page 7, last paragraph

2. Structure: Last paragraph of the introduction before the aims of the paper (i.e. Baseline data in the 'West Jutland Cohort,...) should rather be included in the methods section.

3. Extra information: Please give descriptives on the educational level: include in the results what the percent distribution is over the 4 education levels.

4. Extra information: Table 1: Please include statistics/p-values

5. Make clearer: Table 2 and 3: Make clear what the outcome is (e.g. in the title). In the footnote, the difference between the 4 models was not immediately clear to me due to the long explanation: since all models are adjusted for confounders, mention this before the specification of the models, this will shorten your explanation of model differences.

6. Structure: The discussion would benefit of including some blank lines between the different hypotheses that are discussed. Please include them between the following sections: overall findings – predictor versus outcome – predictor versus mediator – mediator versus outcome – mediation – two SES measures

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 interest