Reviewer's report

Title: Does neighbourhood social capital make a difference for levelling the social gradient in the health and well-being of children and adolescents? A literature review.

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Discretionary Revisions

The authors have done a great job in improving their manuscript. I'm very pleased with the current version of the manuscript and the answers to my minor and mayor issues. The current version of the manuscript will contribute to existing literature in several ways. Even I accept the current version of the manuscript, I like to give the authors some final suggestions for improvements:

Abstract: Didn’t you mean "difference in"?:

.......it remains unclear what factors precisely explain these differences in findings.

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Page 17: delete one "." ":.

Page 27: Summary of results

In case you refer to the socio-economic status of the neighbourhood, please, mention the neighbourhood. The term SES stands more commonly only for individual social capital.

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“Earlier research also mentioned exposure as a mechanism to explain why social capital had a larger association to the health of patents with young children, compared the adults without young children.”

This is a very specific description of research; however, you have not mentioned a literature reference. It is a bit awkward to suggest citing my own research; however, my co-authors and I have exactly studied this. So, cite Mohnen, Völker, Flap, Subramanian, Groenewegen 2012 You have to be there to enjoy it?

Neighbourhood social capital and health Eur J Public Health, doi: 10.1093/eurpub/cks039, or an other study with comparable content.

Page 33: The “However” in “However, the findings also illustrate that the beneficial impact…” is not necessary.
**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'