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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This manuscript proposes to systematically review the literature on studies executed in selected Western countries to determine if social capital mediates or moderates the relationships between SES and health among children and adolescents.

The revised paper is much improved. I have some minor comments:

1. In the discussion (bottom of p. 29), it would be helpful when the authors state, “However, the results suggest that certain components of social capital influence the impact of SES on health outcomes in children” that they specific which components.

2. The paper should be edited for grammatical errors and awkwardness in wording. For example,

   a. Abstract, end of Methods paragraph: “…and a variable agreed as measuring neighbourhood social capital could be included.” [suggest: “…and a variable proposed to measure neighborhood social capital were included.”]

   b. Middle of p. 10: “First, the concept ‘social capital’ is looked into….” [suggest: “…is examined….”]

   c. Top part of p. 15: “Its unique contribution is that it aims exploring the role….” [suggest: “…it aims to explore the role….”]

   d. Bottom of p. 17: “(3) enable to analyse the influence….” [suggest: “(3) enable the analysis of the influence….”]

   e. Top of p. 18: “…mediation is the causal steps approach…” [suggest: “…mediation, the causal steps approach…”]

   f. Middle of p. 19: “…because the research population were not children….” [suggest: “…the research populations were note children….”]

   g. Top of p. 30: “…this finding might be contributed to the fact….” [suggest: “…might be attributed to the fact….”]

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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.