Reviewer’s report

Title: Frequencies of child maltreatment in a representative sample of the German population

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Reviewer: Sadik Khuder

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This is a cross-sectional study investigating maltreatment in childhood and adolescence among a representative sample of the German population. The question posed by the authors is well defined and the method is appropriate and well described. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The limitations of the work are clearly stated. The authors clearly acknowledged the work upon which they were building, both published and unpublished. The title and abstract accurately conveyed what has been found. I have few minor typos/grammatical comments:

1. Page 4, first line: change the citation to Haeuser et al. (2011).
2. Page 7 second paragraph, line 5: Change “participants will be … “ to “participants were ...”
3. Page 7 third paragraph, lines 4-5: Remove one of the dependent variables.
4. Page 8 second paragraph, line 4: Change “significant” to “significantly”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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