Title: Violence against primary school children with disabilities in Uganda: A cross-sectional study

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Reviewer's report:

This is a well written and important paper that deserves to be published and read. There are however some changes that the authors might consider to improve the quality.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The focus of the article is to explore differences between disabled and not disabled children, but the striking find is that the amount of violence is huge, but that that disability really does not seem to be the biggest issue. My suggestion is that this fact should be more prominent in the article from in abstract and discussion of findings.

2. One clear result from the study which is not really touched upon is the effect of mental health. To me the effect of mental health as a mediator for the relationship between violence and disability should have been investigated. First of all results of mental health and disability in crosstable should be presented. Then table 4 should be revised to build a model where we can see the effect of disability on any violence with and without adjustment for different factors and in the last model the effect of mental health. The effect of mental health is also largely ignored in the discussion, including mental health problems as a disability in its own right.

3. Table 2 and 3 should have % and n in all cells.

Minor Essential Revisions

None

Discretionary Revisions

None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'