Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of onset of cannabis and other drug use in male young adults: Results from a longitudinal study

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The authors addressed most of my comments very well.

As a discretionary revision I still think the manuscript would improve by reflecting on the gender aspect: Is substance use onset especially relevant for males? Is the sample male-specific only because there are no women in the army or is there also a rationale to focus on males? What are implications for further research?

The manuscript is recommended for publication.

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

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.