Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Comparison of a French pediatric type 1 diabetes cohort's responders and non-responders to an environmental questionnaire

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**Reviewer:** Theodosios Filippatos

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This is a manuscript that describes differences between responders and non-responders to an environmental questionnaire. Introduction, methods, results, discussion are generally well-written and give the needed information to the reader. I have only some minor comments:

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1. Abstract: “The parents (responders) of 2832 T1D patients”: The authors mean “participants”, since the terms “responders” and “non-responders” is used for those that answered or not the questionnaire. Same for the phrase “Questionnaires were sent to all 2832 parents (responders) of T1D children <15 years old” in Methods.

2. Results: “within 6, 12, 18 or 33 months, respectively, 867 (30.6%), 928 (32%), 938 (32.7%) and 946 (33.4%) questionnaires were returned.” Between these time intervals how many times were the parents contacted/reminded to answer the questionnaire?

3. Reference format is not uniform. Please format the references according to journal’s instructions.

4. Figure 3: the term “Survival” is not appropriate. The authors should change this term in order to describe the actual variable shown in figure.

5. There are a few spelling mistakes, e.g. “diagnosised”. Please check and correct.

**Discretionary Revisions**

1. Discussion: The authors could add some more comments regarding the limitations of the study.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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