Reviewer’s report

Title: Problematic computer gaming, console-gaming, and internet use among adolescents: new measurement tool and association with time use

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Thank you very much for sending me the revised version of this manuscript. Although I have been quite critical of the first version of this manuscript, I must admit that the authors have done a very good job when revising the manuscript according to the reviewers’ comments. Coming from a perspective of child and adolescent psychiatry, the previous version did not clarify what the manuscript really was about and how this research might add to current knowledge. However, the revised version does much better clarify the public health perspective and non-pathological approach which helps understand the study and the respective results. Since the authors aim to publish this article in a journal of public health and not a journal of child and adolescent psychiatry, I feel that the manuscript in its current version may be suitable for publication in this journal.

Minor Essential Revisions:
As required, the introduction and the first paragraph of the discussion now includes some background on clinical criteria. However, these statements are not completely correct:

1) Criteria for Internet Addiction or pathological Internet use are not only drawn from criteria of substance-related addiction or dependency but also from criteria of pathological gambling.

2) In addition, the first paragraph of the discussion now includes DSM-IV instead of DSM-5 which has been released for a while and should be acknowledged as the current American classification.

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.