Reviewer's report

Title: The wider social environment and changes in self-reported quality of life in the transition from late childhood to early adolescence: a cohort study

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Reviewer: James Rohrer

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General

The necessary changes have been made.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

none

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The paper states: "Social organisations can be persons living in one state, country, or neighbourhood, or persons visiting the same leisure club, and there can be many other definitions of groups, that are useful to apply when studying social capital."

The above sentence makes no sense.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The manuscript seems to be unnecessarily long. If the author so chooses, shortening the discussion of social capital would make the article easier to get through. Most readers will skip to the next section after reading a couple of sentences. It is not a new concept.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'