Reviewer's report

Title: Changes in Health Risk Behaviors of Elementary School Students in Northern Taiwan from 2001 to 2003: Results from the Child and Adolescent Behaviors in Long-Term Evolution Study

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Reviewer: Bernard Maire

Reviewer's report:

General
- The authors have responded adequately to my comments and significant changes have been brought to the whole manuscript.

(I would just suggest that they re-read carefully their final text as after having introduced changes, a few language problems have appeared)

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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 ordering of the references should be reset as reference 32 appears in-between references 18 and 19, and reference 27 in-between references 34 and 35 for example.
- The study sample has slightly changed: 943 boys and 877 girls instead of 942 and 878 respectively (this does not introduce any real change but it would be better to fix it once for all).
- Page 6, in the second paragraph of the 'study variable' sub-section, 'hitting others' appears twice in the same sentence.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'