Reviewer’s report

Title: Family joint activities in a cross-national perspective

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General
The article is a very interesting description from the joint family activities in the different European countries. As the authors write, it is important to pay more attention to the role of the parents and common family life in the children’s growth and development.
The article is well written. Statistical analyses have been described well and even though there are many figures and large tables they clarify the results well.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
In the discussion it would be important to discuss the differences and similarities between countries more accurately. Furthermore, for instance, the result that boys in every country send more time with their families than girls was unexpected result.

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 language of the article needs revision and there are some spelling mistakes. In my opinion the children aged 13 to 15 are still pupils not students.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.