Reviewer's report

**Title:** National household survey of adverse childhood experiences and their relationship with resilience to health harming behaviours in England

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The article presents data on an important public health issue: child abuse and its health consequences. The data have been collected from a sample representative of English population. The methods for data collection and data analysis are adequate for the purpose of the study. The results are discussed and interpreted taking in consideration the type of study and the sources of limits. The conclusions are realistic, suggesting the implications for health promotion measures, health policy, and future research. In summary, the article offers an important “piece” on understanding the link between adverse childhood experiences with health harming behaviours.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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