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The title and abstract are clear and represent well the information included in the paper.

General:
The authors addressed all my comments in a satisfactory manner, producing a clear paper of importance to the field.

Background:
The background is well written and covers most of the relevant literature in Canada and beyond. The research question is relevant and well defined. Identifying characteristics and determinants of different types of bullying could add to existing knowledge. To date, only minor attempts to investigate this were undertaken, mainly by Craig and colleagues. This work has been referred to in this paper. The authors have corrected their reference to the definition of bullying.

Methods:
Self report of bullying behaviour is an acceptable method; The NLSCY is a well known and widely acceptable longitudinal survey, and is an appropriate tool for the question under research. Sufficient information about the methods, items and analyses is provided and the data are sound.

The authors have now excluded out of school bullying, resulting in a clearer paper that focuses solely on bullying. The authors also provided clearer information on the use of exposure to computer.

Results:
The results are well written and clear although some elements that more mentioned in the methods section are missing. The tables have been changed and are easier to follow.

Discussion
The discussion in and conclusion are well balanced and supported but unfortunately there is too little on the research questions, providing clear statement on the different types of bullying.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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