Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceived social risk in medical decision-making for physical child abuse: a mixed methods study

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Review the list of references. The manuscript it is not adhered to the reference journal style.

- References number 2 and number 4 are from the same journal and they are cited in a different way.

- DOI haven't been included.

- After the authors it should be put a dot and after the year it should be put a semicolon

- The volume and bold are dispensable

- Reference 1 and 19 include "discussion" part

- Reference 11 and 17 are uncompleted

On the qualitative analysis it's indicated that "two investigators reviewed the first 100 notes independently to define basic codes, select descriptive text and develop a data dictionary...". In this sense, it should be recommendable to estimate the reliability in the measurement incorporating any statistical like for example the Kappa value. Reliability should be measured intra and inter investigator and be adequately trained in the coding system.

It should be recommendable to include as a "negative social cue", parental separation or divorce due to the fact that it has been demonstrate a negative impact on the physical and psicoemotional health of children:

A recent study showed that parental separation had a significant negative impact on the children's and adolescents' family income (increasing the probability of falling below the poverty line); psychological adjustment (i.e., higher scores in anxiety, depression, hostility, paranoid ideation, and interpersonal alienation); social relations (i.e., less self-control in social relations; higher social withdrawal); self-concept (lower levels of academic, emotional, physical, and family self-concept), and academic achievement (lower academic achievement with higher school dropout rates).

It should be recommendable to include as a "positive social cue" the coparentality in divorce.

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