Reviewer’s report

Title: Gender differences in mental health problems among adolescents and the role of social support: results from the Belgian health interview surveys 2008 and 2013

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Reviewer: Edilma Yearwood

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper. The corrections to the original paper have improved the readability and clarity.

1) Given the findings, would the researchers recommend different activities (mental health promotion strategies) for girls versus boys? If so, what might those be?

2) Please use years of age instead of years old throughout paper

3) Any thoughts about why depression and anxiety is increasing in girls from 2008 when compared to 2013? What social determinants of health within the Belgian community might be contributing to this? These upstream factors may need to be addressed when looking at any potential interventions in order for strategies developed to be effective

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