Reviewer’s report

Title: Is involvement in school bullying associated with increased risk of murderous ideation and behaviours among adolescent students in China?

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Thank you for asking me to review this article. The article was interesting and could add to the literature on bullying and youth violence. Here are my suggestions:

I suggest including "China" or "Chinese" somewhere in the title.

In the "Emerging evidence has indicated that involvement in bullying is associated with physical health problem, conduct problem, internalizing or externalizing problems, and even suicide ideation and behaviors [3,18-22]" part, I suggest citing the following:


Please include a definition and prevalence rate of bullying perpetration in China.

Please also cite some studies conducted in China in the Introduction. The authors should also discuss early on that the focus of the study is on China.

The authors included sociodemographic information, such as gender and age. What about other sociodemographic information that may be relevant, such as family composition and socioeconomic status?

In the Study Design and Participants section, please describe a bit more about how data were collected. Who administered the surveys, etc.

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The authors stated that a large, diverse sample was acquired. Then why didn't they report on the race/ethnicity/religious affiliation of the study sample?
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