Reviewer's report

Title: Acceptance of sexual minorities, discrimination, social capital and health and well-being: a cross-European study among members of same-sex and opposite-sex couples.

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I'm pleased to see the changes the authors have included that link minority stress theory with social capital theory. What now remain are issues to do with editing (a further serious round is required) as well as structuring of findings and discussion. I want to note that it is unfortunate that a reviewer has to point this out. It would typically be a role of the senior author to ensure the manuscript meets publication standards.

The referencing in the results section (under the heading descriptive analyses) doesn't adequately capture the essence of the information in the tables and is hence confusing. More importantly, the structuring, including the use of headings, of the reporting of the outcomes of multivariate analyses is highly confusing. Are different analyses reported under a different heading? Is this appropriately explained in the statistical analysis section? What about the different sections of Table 4 by dependent variable, how do these relate to the overall column headings? I must say that it is very difficult to follow what authors have done in terms of analyses and what they find. Substantial work is required here.

Similarly, the discussion would benefit from a more conventional structuring and not mixing in findings regarding description, differences and correlation. The discussion would also need a further heading as the last paragraphs are not about limitations. It would also be prudent to double check that all conclusions/inferences noted are supported by data.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests