Reviewer’s report

Title: Manuscript Do negative childhood conditions increase the risk of somatic symptoms in adolescence? – A prospective cohort study

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This article has improved greatly from earlier review. Both introduction and discussion are more thorough and describing. Description of method is much clearer and results section improved. I now only have very minor comments - and almost only regarding grammar:

Page 2
Line 11 expandS
Line 16 - the instead of these?
Line 44 - no need for comma after about?

Page 4
Line 18 - No need to say both over time and through - just severity through childhood?

Page 6 line 4 again a comma that shouldn’t be there

Page 10 line 23 switches between past and present tense - performed - were - affects

Again strange tense in line 54 - differences in risk estimates were mentioned in the text (but they are still to be mentioned right, so shouldn’t be pas tense)

Page 11 - a few times you say statistically significant more - is there need to alwas state statistically - and shouldn’t it read significantly more? The wording bothers me a little at least. Line 12 - again statistical significant -
Line 42-44, the beginning of the sentence a bit confusing - might want to realign the words? Family functionin showd an especially strong....and not an around

Page 13 Line 15-17 the sentence parents reporting symptoms and reporting symptoms - I know what you mean by it but it sounds confusion. The reporting of symptoms?

Page 14 - line 35 - associated should be association

I still think that the ACE list should be mentioned in the discussion as one of the most validated tool in measuring the effect of childhood conditions on future health.

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