Reviewer’s report

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The writing of the manuscript has been improved according to the editor and reviewers' comments and suggestions. (1) I would like to add one paragraph in the Discussion section to clearly state the limitations of the study. Especially, the associations found in the study may not be robust as a multivariate approach was not employed and other factors (e.g. family income) may also affect absentism and performance. (2) consider providing suggestions on future research in the Discussion section. For example, a questionnaire survey of students may be needed to study reasons for absentism. (3) Language corrections are still needed. (4) Please provide chi-square test values in Table 6. (5) No need to repeat "a p-value<0.05 is statistically significant" below tables.

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