Reviewer’s report

Title: Associations between social isolation, pro-social behaviour and emotional development in pre-school aged children: a population based survey of kindergarten staff.

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The authors refer to Gottman’s work, however they should explain in more detail the different five types of children he described.

2. The authors should clearly state their research questions and hypotheses in the Introduction section.

3. Since only kindergarten staff reports were taken into account in the present study, the authors should present previous literature findings about preschool education staff awareness of children's mental health problems (e.g. Giannakopoulos et al 2014 Ann Gen Psychiat).

4. Although the results of the present analysis are clear, the authors should elaborate more on the interpretation of their findings offering specific implications for practice and future research.

Minor Essential Revisions

The authors should correct several spelling mistakes throughout the text and tables of the manuscript.

The authors should place blank spaces before the brackets of citation numbers throughout the text.

The authors should avoid beginning a sentence with a number that is not written out.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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