Reviewer’s report

Title: The Importance of Health Behaviours in Childhood for the Development of Internalizing Disorders during Adolescence

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The authors have addressed the reviewers’ comments and improved the manuscript. I have a few minor comments to improve clarity of the manuscript.

1. As suggested in first review, number of health care provider contacts and number of diagnoses are different. The authors described 'number of health care contacts to physicians or medical specialists with a primary diagnosis of an internalizing disorder as a primary outcome in this study' in response letter.

In Abstract, 'The number of diagnoses' was reported, but it would be number of health care provider contacts based on the results (P8, L162-166).

To improve clarity, please specify whether 'internalizing disorder' (in Statistical analysis: P7, L144 and L150) means 'number of health care provider contacts' or 'number of diagnoses'. Please clearly describe.

2. Please consider revising the title of the Table 3 to improve clarity, like 'Associations of health behaviours in childhood with number of health care contacts to physicians with a primary diagnosis of an internalizing disorder in...' or 'Associations of health behaviours in childhood with number of health care provider contacts...'. Again, 'internalizing disorder' can be misunderstood.

3. In Table2, P-values would not be zero. Please replace 'P = 0.000' with 'P < 0.001'.

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