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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>Study Design: Period of data collection occurs during COVID, identity safety procedures implemented.</p> <p>Study Area: For foreign readers, clarify if schools have gender mixed classmates; and, if senior and junior students interact in the context of their schools</p> <p>Methods: Identify references used to built or adapt questionnaire used, cultural adaptations if it was the case, type of reliability obtained</p> <p>Statistical Analysis: Identify what normal distribution test was used and which were the results. For t-test, include statistical error measures, and for Chi-Square identify and estimate effect size</p> <p>Results and Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Explain criteria for the split age groups at 14 years old (and what is the percentual distribution by gender in each subgroup)</li><li>- Table II- Review percentages or clarify estimation (e.g., Saying mean and hurtful to others or making fun of them- n is 1053, who can it be 11.5% of the sample N= 1860)</li><li>- Table III – Clearly identify what statistics is in each column. If there are more than 2 independent variables (e.g., Social Class), adequate statistics must be done, with estimation of effect size, and following paired analysis must take in consideration Bonferroni correction</li></ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1st paragraph, last phrase- why do not you consider cultural differences?</li><li>- 2nd paragraph- there are recent studies where forms of bullying are different by gender, please review your results and discuss them on this subject</li><li>- 3rd paragraph- Results are not clearly presented to support this statement. Do it adequately</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Routine covid 19 prevention protocols were applied during conduct of study, has been added to the article.</li><li>2. Schools studied were coeducational ie gender and class mixed . this information is captured within the paper.</li><li>3. The paper contains relevant statistical information suitable for a descriptive study.</li><li>4. Age groups are split at 14 years to represent the midpoint of the age range of study subjects as well as the average age demarcation between junior and senior school students.</li><li>5. Table II percentages has the total number of responses as denominator not number of subjects. Note that multiple responses were encountered among the study subjects.</li><li>6. Other relevant corrections have been done to maintain a balance across comments from all the 3 paper reviewers.</li></ol>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>Abstract: Verify male to female ratio reference. Include % when absent. Remove excessive spacing. Do not use symbol "&gt;", use words. Be more specific in the last paragraph, it is not understandable the association found. Include gender differences in the conclusion</p> <p>Introduction: Remove excessive spacing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Corrections noted and effected.</li></ol>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	