

## Authors response to reviewer

Dear reviewer, thank you very much for your help and your suggestions that significantly improve our work.

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** Thank you for sending me the article for review. The authors conducted a narrative review on the relationship between different types of child abuse (emotional neglect, emotional abuse, physical neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse) and the development of psychopathy. The authors found a relationship between emotional abuse, emotional neglect and physical abuse with psychopathy. A significant association between sexual abuse and psychopathy has not been verified. The subject of the review is very interesting and is of interest to readers of the World Journal of Psychiatry.

A: Thank you

The main weakness of the review is the lack of in-depth critical analysis. In most of the text, the authors only present data from the literature, but do not make more elaborate comments.

A: Dear reviewer, you are right, this lack is detrimental. I add a discussion section before conclusion to comment results.

I recommend a revision of the text by a native English speaker.

A: Thanks for your recommendation, we provided.

Title: "Child abuse and psychopathy: interplay and declinations". It is not clear the use of the word "declinations" in the title. Throughout the manuscript, the authors do not use this word. Only in the title. What is the intention of the authors? What is the meaning of this word in the title? Please explain. Alternatively, change the title.

A: I modify it

Authors should explain acronyms when used for the first time such as PCL-R, PCL: YV, PCR: SV. Review the use of acronyms throughout the article. See the journal's guidelines.

A: Thanks for your note, we checked the manuscript and correct as per your request

At the end of the introduction, the authors need to make it clear that the study is a narrative review.

A: We clarify

There are sentences that need references, for example: "However, in other studies, sexual and crime related trauma were not associated with higher psychopathy."

A: Thanks for underlining it. The sentence was not flowing in the context and we preferred to delete it

In each topic, after presenting the evidence from the literature, I suggest that the authors make an in-depth critical analysis. If the authors prefer this critical analysis of the literature, it can be done elsewhere in the text and not necessarily after each topic. Authors are free to make arrangements in the manuscript. However, a critical analysis of the literature is essential, indicating the possible existing gaps and perspectives. This represents the authors' contribution to the literature. They can do this critical analysis of literature in an elegant way. How can the information gathered in the article be applied in clinical practice? A prospective study is the best design to verify the association between child abuse and psychopathy. What do the authors think about this? Insert comments in the article.

A: Dear reviewer, your suggestion was due. We add a discussion section

I suggest preparing 2-3 tables, at the discretion of the authors. Insert the variables of interest (for example, sexual, physical and emotional abuses and physical and emotional neglect, and psychopathy) for the review and the main characteristics of the respective studies such as authors, year, country, design, population, sample size, findings most relevant. These tables will allow a more objective evaluation of the studies.

A: We add and we think they are very helpful, thank you