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Carlos A. Agudelo C, Editor

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Dear Dr. Agudelo,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled: “*Social context and aggressive behaviour in Colombian adolescents: the role of neighbourhoods, families and peers*”, for consideration in the journal *Revista de Salud Pública*. This paper examines the extent to which, individual and neighbourhood characteristics contribute to the risk of adolescent aggression. In addition, it explores potential mechanisms explaining the influence of neighbourhood conditions on adolescent aggression. The analysis uses multilevel modelling and structural equation modelling which allows the proper assessment of direct and indirect effects.

This paper has not been published or accepted for publication. It is not under consideration at another journal. In total, this manuscript has 4,119 words including the main text, references, tables and figures.

I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. All of the authors have agreed to the submission of the manuscript. I have assumed responsibility for keeping my co-authors informed of our progress through the editorial review process; the content of the reviews, and any revisions made.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beatriz Caicedo". The letters are cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

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