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The text is generally well written with only occasional minor typos and awkward phrasing (e.g., “objects” instead of “objectives”).

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As a conceptual paper, it lacks a dedicated methods section detailing how the analysis was conducted, making the approach unclear.

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The body is logically organized and informative, though some sections are overly long and contain repetitive points that could be tightened.

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Reviewer A:

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The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

It is always recommended that title fully reflects the contents of the manuscript. Mere "influence" of parent-adolescent conflict on academic retention does not exactly align with the contents. Referring to "impact" seems to be more adequate.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

In terms of purpose of the study, it is unclear as to whether the aim is to analyze what the impact is on adolescent academic retention (referred to in the title) or on academic performance, as it is reflected in other sections of the manuscript. Retention and performance are 2 different concepts. With respect to problem explanation, it is key to specify that the article refers to negative (and not positive) consequences/implications on academic retention or performance arising from parent-adolescent conflict.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

There are a few grammatical errors in the manuscript (i.e. in Introduction, Results & Discussion). Long sentences make it difficult to grasp exact meanings. English language syntax should also be revised

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