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A. General

Interest of the article: Is the article or document accessible and interesting for a Latin American and, in general, international audience?

Location in the academic field. Please provide your assessment of the following statements, with 1 representing “strongly disagree” and 5 representing “strongly agree”:

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The article is clearly placed in a specific problem area related to <i>children</i> or <i>youth</i> that is of interest and is current.					
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B. Constituting elements

Title, abstract and keywords. Please provide your assessment of the following statements, with 1 representing “strongly disagree” and 5 representing “strongly agree”:

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The title summarizes the thematic core of the article.					
The title helps attract readers to the article.					
The abstract is understandable without having to read the whole article.					
The abstract is precise, coherent and concise.					
The abstract presents all - and exclusively - the key elements of the article (problem, question/hypothesis or objective, method, results and conclusions).					
The keywords are appropriate.					
The abstract does not require any other keywords.					

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Introduction. Please provide your assessment of the following statements, with 1 representing "strongly disagree" and 5 representing "strongly agree":

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This section is appropriate for the type of article.					
The introduction is interesting and draws the reader in so that they will read the rest of the article.					
It includes a presentation and contextualization of the problem that is concise and clearly presented.					
It justifies the research that has been carried out.					
The introduction presents its conceptual references and relevant literature in a concise way, including both historical and current (last three years) references.					
It clearly and explicitly states its objective and the question or hypothesis used in the research.					

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Method: Does the description of the method used present the following elements in a clear and detailed manner?

	Yes	No
Epistemological foundation.		
Design.		
Description of participants.		
Sample selection process.		
Techniques and instruments for collecting the information (as well as testing and validation).		
Processes for addressing relevant ethical issues.		
Data analysis techniques or processes.		

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The presentation of the results of the research corresponds to what can be expected from the instruments described in the section on the methodology used without omissions or additions of other instruments.					
The results are presented in an organized, clear and relevant way in accordance with the problem, the question/hypothesis and the objectives of the research					

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The discussion follows rigorously on from the results, without adding new elements that are not clearly supported by the results.					
The discussion is focused on answering the research question and its objectives.					
This section includes a presentation and contextualization of the problem that is concise and clearly presented.					
There are similarities and differences to the results from research by other authors.					
The authors' argumentation in this section is original and suggestive.					
The limitations of the study are explicit and clear.					
The importance and implications of the results (if any) have been described.					

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They're all necessary.					
The references also include authors who are considered classics in the field.					

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C. Argumentation

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The various arguments presented support the theses they defend.					
The arguments are logically and progressively organized and are suitably connected.					
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The argument is organized hierarchically.					

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Precision and conceptual clarity. Please provide your assessment of the following statements, with 1 representing "strongly disagree" and 5 representing "strongly agree":

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The article is precise, concrete and uses economy of language.					
The concepts used are relevant for the arguments.					
When the concepts are defined, these definitions are precise.					



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It's written in clear language.					
It needs further style correction / proofreading.					

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