Reviewer's report

Title: Anxiety and coping strategies in the perinatal period

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Major Compulsory Revisions

ABSTRACT
1. Mention high drop-out rate in limitations in the Abstract
2. In the conclusion of the Abstract, please replace 'may explain' with

WHOLE MANUSCRIPT
3. There are still sections of the paper which are difficult to understand, and the
   english needs revision (i.e. Background section, first sentence of the second
   paragraph, fourth sentence of the third paragraph; Discussion Section, third
   sentence of the second paragraph, third and fourth sentence of the fourth
   paragraph; Conclusion Section, whole second paragraph).

METHODS SECTION
4. In section 1.2, the following sentence requires more explanation. "Every
   woman received written information regarding psychological consulting". This is
   quite unclear - was it written information, when was it provided, do you mean
   psychological counselling?
5. In section 1.4, please provide an explanation of what the analyses conducted
   in Table 1 - i.e. what does 'Group effect' measure, and what does 'Time effect'
   measure.

RESULTS
6. In the paragraph reporting prevalence of prenatal and postnatal anxiety,
   please also report the numerator and denominator along with the percentage.

CONCLUSION
7. The second paragraph, which attempts to address the implications of the
   findings should probably be in the main section of the discussion, and should
   include more in-depth analysis of what these findings might mean, or how they
   might be relevant to clinical practice.

TABLE
8. The Table lists the sample at T2 as 158, while the Abstract lists the sample
   size at this time as 173. This should be consistent.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The table provided is labelled Table 2, but in the text is referred to as Table 1.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests