Reviewer's report

Title: The Birth Memories and Recall Questionnaire (BirthMARQ): Development and evaluation

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General aspects
The authors addressed most of the comments in a meaningful way and provided helpful explanations. The manuscript is much improved. There are only minor changes required before this interesting paper is ready for publication.

Abstract
The method section of the abstract is described more in detail and is clearer than before the revision
1. The result section of the abstract is more comprehensible. However the added sentences contain repetitive parts because the differences in memory with probable depression and PTSD are small.
Could the authors merge these results instead of listing the aspects twice?

Background:
The authors removed part of the last paragraph and the distinction between background and method section is now clear. The addition of a few more recent literatures improved the manuscript.

Method:
The chapter is now logically structured and the subtitles are clear. The explanations about principal component analysis instead of the factor analysis are good and the item reduction process is clearer.
2. There are inconsistent spaces between paragraphs and subchapters in the method as well as in the result chapter.
The authors are kindly asked to use a consistent layout.

Results:
The changes in this chapter are good.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'