Reviewer's report

Title: A three generation study of the intergenerational mental health relationships between grandparents, parents and children

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The authors need to demonstrate with the data that they have why the results are not solely due to informant bias.
2. Was there other data that was collected that was not subject to potential bias that supports the findings.
4. Additional analyses may need to be done to support the findings.
5. Why was only 1 child chosen and how does that effect/bias the findings.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Page 8, the word enrollment is misspelled.
2. Page 13 , first sentence is unclear, should where be replaced to when? Should it be clarified which 2 groups are being compared?
3. Page 13, were confounders controlled for?
4. Page 14, Next to last sentence, starting with 'Children with at least one parent...' needs to be clearer.

Discretionary Revisions
1. I think the paper could be much stronger if additional findings could be included.
2. It is clearly a valuable sample and should be followed over time.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.