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Title: Mental health related determinants of parenting stress among urban mothers of young children - results from a birth-cohort study in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

The revision is well done ... there are only three very minor points to be addressed.

1. Please include a point about possible point 1 of review 2 ... (importance of attachment etc.) in the discussion section.

Reply: We added this important point to discussion (Page 21).

2. It would be very nice to have a crosslink to the manuscripts about the psychometric properties of the GAD-7 and PHQ-9 in the text. Please include.

Reply: We have submitted papers on the psychometric validation (CTT and IRT) of GAD-7 and PHQ-9. We added this information (Page 20). Since these papers have not been accepted yet, we unfortunately cannot cross-reference in the strict sense.
3. The baseline assessment was done in the third trimester .. as far as I know .. you mention that the assessment is perinatal .. I suppose this should be called prenatal!!! Please revise in the text.

Reply: Correct, we assessed our exposures (depression and anxiety) in the 3rd trimester (baseline; prenatal), but also at 3, 12 and 24 month postnatally. When we describe the exposure assessment in the methods section (for example under “Depression” on page 9), we refer to “perinatal” in the beginning and specify subsequently (under “Depression”, page 10: “The PHQ-9 score was assessed at baseline [we have defined before that this was in the 3rd trimester: first line on page 9], 3 month, 12 month and 24 month postpartum). We hope that this is clear to the reader.