Reviewer’s report

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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This is an important and extremely well written and balanced paper concerning a clinically and scientifically highly relevant topic. I have no major comments on it.

Minor comments: 1. in the discussion, just studies with exactly the same age range of the child should be compared with the study results. Of course parental stress is a lot higher in very small children (and adolescents, as the reviewer knows ;-).

2: also discussion: as far as further studies are concerned: To my impression, qualitative studies which focus on the special circumstances of this population which lead to PS should be conducted.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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