Reviewer’s report

Title: Postnatal depression in Southern Brazil: prevalence and its demographic and socioeconomic determinants

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

This further-revised manuscript has addressed each of the matters identified in prior reviews. There are clear descriptions of the health services available to women in Southern Brazil and the processes of sample selection and recruitment. There is also a rationale for ascertaining and categorising skin colour and a description of the mechanism by which this was completed. Overall I think the paper is substantially improved and makes a valuable and original contribution to the field.

I have a few minor suggestions for final revisions that might improve clarity before publication:

1. I think the actual method of data collection should be described in the abstract.
   • There are some sub-section headings in the Methods, but I think it would be improved if there were distinct sub-sections headed materials in which the actual data collection instruments are described and then procedures in which the actual processes of recruitment and data collection are outlined.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests