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Title: Low birth weight in offspring of women with depressive and anxiety symptoms during pregnancy: Results from a population based study in Bangladesh

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Reiew of “Low Birth Weight in Offspring of Women with Depressive and Anxiety Symptoms During Pregnancy: Results from a Population Based Study in Bangladesh”

The manuscript by Hashima et al., reports the results of study on the effects of antenatal depression and anxiety on low birthweight. Overall I feel that the present study can make an important contribution to the literature and recommend that this study be accepted for publication if the following minor comments can be satisfactorily addressed:

1) I strongly encourage the authors to carefully review the manuscript for grammatical errors.

2) Were two-sample or one sample t-test used?

3) While the article focuses almost exclusively on the low birth weight variable, it appears that there is additional data collected by the authors that would be of interest to reviewers. Of particular interest is the incidence of depression and anxiety symptoms not just of the final sample of 583 dyads, but of the entire sample of 720 dyads. Of even greater interest is the incidence of fetal mortality (still births, intrauterine death, etc) in depressed vs non-depressed women. This would also apply to the incidence of premature delivery between depressed/anxious women and non symptomatic women.

4) The authors should note that the lack of difference in gestational age between symptomatic and asymptomatic women may stem from restriction of range as a result of limiting the final sample to full term deliveries.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests