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Dear Dr. Jimmar Dizon,

Thank you for sending our paper “Differences in problem behaviour among ethnic minority and majority preschoolers in the Netherlands and the role of family functioning and parenting factors as mediators: the Generation R Study” out for review. We thank the reviewers for their positive comments and helpful suggestions for improving the paper.

The enclosed version of the manuscript has been prepared taking into account the suggestions of the reviewers. The changes are highlighted in the manuscript. A major change regards the addition of an extra mediator in the analyses between ethnicity and child problem behaviour, that is maternal psychopathology in the postpartum period, as proposed by reviewer 3. Further changes regard the addition of hypotheses to the introduction, as proposed by reviewer 2 and elaborating on the study's implications as proposed by reviewer 1.

We feel this revised version of the paper is greatly strengthened and hope that you find it suitable for publication.

Yours sincerely on behalf of all authors,

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