Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Jimmar Dizon,

Thank you for resending 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” to the reviewers. Reviewers one and two were happy with the changes we had made and had no further comments. Reviewer three pointed to a minor typo in the footnote of table 3 which we have addressed in the revised version of the manuscript.

The comments of the reviewers can be found below. We hope that you find the revised version of the manuscript suitable for publication.

Yours sincerely on behalf of all authors,

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Reviewer 1:

I have read the revised manuscript and the letter from the authors. I thank the authors for responding to my earlier comments and for making the revisions described. The authors have revised the paper adequately (including the title) and improved it. I have no additional comments on the article. I will leave the decision about publication to the editors.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Reviewer 2:

I am happy with the authors' revisions.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Reviewer 3:

I am pleased to see that the authors have taken account of reviewers' comments and have amended their paper accordingly. I am happy with these changes - there is one minor but essential typo in Table 3 that I am sure the authors can be trusted to amend: currently we have two "Model 3" descriptions in the footnote to the table when there ought to be Model 3 and Model 4.

Other than this I am happy to recommend publication.

We have addressed the typo in the footnote of table 3.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.