Reviewer's report

Title: Family functioning and parenting factors as mediators of the relationship between the ethnic minority status and child problem behaviour: the Generation R Study

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This manuscript describes an interesting study that examines family functioning and parenting factors as mediators of the relationship between ethnic minority status and child problem behavior, and if this mediation is independent of socio-economic factors.

It is a very well written and clear document that is easy to follow. The study has been designed well, and the findings presented here will be of interest to researchers and health care workers.

Minor Essential Revisions
- The title could include a geographical reference.
- It is our opinion the authors may consider using the word ‘sex’ instead of ‘gender’ (methods – measures, p.7).
- I suggest that the authors highlight the implications of the study’s results for health professional workers.
- Were participants’ anonymity and confidentiality ensured?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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