Reviewer's report

Title: A quantitative exploration of the sociocultural context of teenage pregnancy in Sri Lanka

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This study is taking on teenage pregnancy and its associated sociocultural contexts in Sri Lanka. While I am excited about the topic, I have a few concerns about the current version of the manuscript. I outline the concerns below:

Major compulsory revisions

1. Socio-demographic characteristics of overall sample should be summarized in a table.

2. Description of Tamils and Moors distribution of the sample would be more informative if the authors provide population distribution of Tamils and Moors.

3. Description of questions should be included in the methods section, not in the results section.

4. When reporting statistical test results, relevant statistics and p-values should be reported in the text.

5. Developing logistic regression model seemed very exploratory and data driven and no relevant theory or conceptual framework were involved; more theoretical and conceptual justification of regression model should be provided.

6. Implication of the study needs to be firmly based on the findings from the study; specifically, while I concur that extrapolation should be done with special care, the authors didn't seem to provide enough empirical evidence why that's necessary; it would be much better for the readers to understand if the authors present the analysis results comparing with the equivalent numbers in, say, western countries.

Minor essential revisions

7. On page 6, “The content of the questionnaires was largely similar… and empirical work” should have been accompanied by specific references.

8. Overall organization of the manuscript needs to be rearranged; as mentioned earlier, parts included in the results section should be moved to methods section such that results section includes only the analysis results and findings.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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