Author's response to reviews

Title: Postnatal depressive symptoms amongst women in Vietnam: A cross-sectional study investigating prevalence and associations with social, cultural and infant factors

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your review of our article for BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. The reviewer comments were extremely helpful for refining our article for publication. We have attached a table outlining detailed responses to each reviewer question for your perusal. I would also like to respond to a few of the main issues highlighted by reviewer two:

1. We have modified the title of our paper and also clarified the main objectives of the paper to have more of a focus on exploration of potential exposures associated to depressive symptoms. This was in response to the comments by reviewer two regarding the need to clarify the focus of our analysis, and also to make the most of cross-sectional design. We have also modified the first table and added a second on reviewer two’s suggestion. We hope that the revised aims also clarify that Tables 3 and 4 also present the main findings of our analysis.

2. Following on from the comment above, the results presented in the abstract contrast the findings of both multivariable models. We have included statistics regarding model fit, but to report the marginal means and confidence intervals for all exposures mentioned in the abstract would greatly exceed the word limit. We have edited the relevant statistics in the results section to more clearly describe effect size. If any other formatting or descriptive statistics are required we will be happy to attend to these.

Please kindly review our article for publication. If further edits are required please don’t hesitate to contact us and we will provide them in a timely manner.
Regards

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