Reviewer's report

Title: Postnatal depressive symptoms in Vietnam: Investigating the influence of son preference, traditional confinement practices and other socio-cultural factors

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Minor essential revisions:
1. ABSTRACT: Method - the authors say data was analysed using hypothesis test. This is inappropriate. Hypotheses are usually stated and then tested using statistical techniques. Suggest they list only correlation and linear model. Also, instruments are usually listed before statistical techniques, not the other way round.

2. RESULTS: lines 238-9 belong under discussion. Sociodemographic features should precede other analysis. Lines 283-4: t tests give association, not correlation.

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:

Nil