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Title: Parental divorce in childhood does not independently predict maternal depressive symptoms during pregnancy

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the issue that the authors are dealing with is important. They have also followed sound methodological procedures except strong limitations that may bias readers. The authors explained that depressed women may not get pregnant and pregnancy as a one-time event in life. So, they hypothesized that parental separation during childhood will not affect antenatal depression. But, what about the mediating role of socio-economic factors? The justification for the hypothesis does not look sound and adequate.

What do the authors mean by "Yet, if parental separation predicts prenatal separation, this association may reflect long-term consequences of childhood conditions extending to the next generation."? Page 2 line 42.

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