Reviewer’s report

Title: Maternal socio-demographic and psychological predictors for risk of developmental delays among young children in Mongolia

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Reviewer: Judi Mesman

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I accept the authors’ explanations and answers in response to most of my comments. I have two remaining concerns:

(1) I would encourage the authors to include the Figure with the theoretical model in the manuscript, and/or explicitly describe the model and how each of their variables relate to the model (as they have done in the response letter, but not in the manuscript). This will elevate the paper to a level above the study of seemingly random variables.

(2) Although the authors present some statistical support for their sample size, it is still a small sample which - to the authors admission - hampers certain more sophisticated analyses, which should be acknowledged in the section on the study's limitations in the Discussion.

These limitations are significant, but can be overlooked given the uniqueness of the data.

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