Reviewer’s report

Title: How many words are Australian children hearing in the first year of life?

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Reviewer: Claudia Gaspardo

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to review the manuscript "How many words are Australian children hearing in the first year of life?"

The study used improved technology to investigate the number of words children hear in the first year of life and to examine if these aspects differed by maternal education. The study presents methodological strength to be published in BMC Pediatrics.

My recommendation is that the authors make a discretionary revision of the manuscript because of two specific points:

1. What does "162 mother's education excluded" mean? (see flow chart, Figure 1)

2. In the statistical approach, what inferential statistical analysis was used for between-group comparison?

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