Reviewer's report

Title: Personal social networks and organizational affiliation of South Asians in the United States

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Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for allowing me to review the paper entitled: Personal social networks and organizational affiliation of South Asians in the United States.

The paper draws on a highly impressive study of social networks, which can potentially make a substantial contribution to the field. However, I think the current version of the paper only offers a very descriptive level analysis of the data and reads more like a project report. While there are many interesting and promising findings that the authors report these do not currently offer a clear line of argument and sufficient analysis, which I think is necessary for the paper to be published in BMC Public Health. Another way of potentially revising the paper might be to substantially reduce the length of the descriptive material presented in the current version and adding a second part, starting from where the paper finishes at present, and then explore associations between social network characteristics and health or behaviour outcomes.

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