Reviewer’s report

Title: Social capital and health during pregnancy; an in-depth exploration from rural Sri Lanka

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Reviewer: Emily Read

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for submitting your paper for consideration.

I think that social capital is an important area of study. However, I think that you need to explain social capital and the theoretical framework that you are using for it more clearly. I am very familiar with the social capital literature and it is not easy to do this well because there are multiple theoretical frameworks that overlap. For example, I think that bridging, bonding, and linking social capital might be best considered as forms of structural social capital (rather than relational) because of they have to do with the types of network ties that actors have within a network. Overall, I think that your review of the literature and your theoretical framework needs further development to strengthen the contribution of your study. The findings of your study are really interesting but I think that the discussion may need to be adjusted a little bit once you have strengthened your theoretical framework so that it lines up.

Thank you again for submitting your paper for consideration.

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