**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Early maladaptive schemas as predictors of maternal bonding to the unborn child

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**Reviewer:** Monica Pellerone

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript.

This study investigates the associations between EMSs and the quality of the bonding to the fetus in 165 pregnant women.

The results suggest that: 1) All EMSs except self-sacrifice correlated significantly and negatively with the MAAS quality of mother-fetus bonding scale. 2) On the other hand, only the emoziona deprivation, defectiveness/shame, subjugation, and emotional inhibition schemas correlated significantly with the MAAS preoccupation with the fetus scale.

The topic seems relevant for the Journal. The introduction, hypotheses, results and discussion are generally relevant. However, many amendments are needed, and they are listed below.

There is need for professional English language examination of this manuscript

**Abstract**

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"INTRODUCTION" Section

The introduction is generally relevant, although I suggest You to examine the recent literature, for example:


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The introduction is excessively long and could be confusing. The introduction does not consistently follow a logical congruence. This section needs a subdivision in subparagraphs, because only one paragraph makes the reading and the understanding of the work confusing. Therefore it is advisable to divide "Introduction" section into two sub-sections:

1) Introduction

2) Objectives and Hypotheses

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