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Peer Review Report for "Maternal Emotional States in Relation to Offspring Weight and Health-Related Quality of Life: Tehran Lipid and Glucose Study"

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Revision (0)

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Lida Nikfarid00989125348421 Nikfarid: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 11 Apr 2021

Dear AE,
The manuscript is well structured and has valuable information. The audience is not known. Some theoretical explanations are needed to give more information about the gap and how the study can help. The comments are mentioned in the text itself and that is attached.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 8 May 2021

Dear EIC,
Sorry for my delay. According to the respected reviewers' comments, I think this good manuscript may be considered for publication after major revisions.
Yours

Fereidoun Azizi & Dr. Azita Zadeh-Vakili: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 8 May 2021

Dear Author,
The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above

carefully according to reviewers' request.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Reviewer 1

1. While we do not hear anything about the concept Obesity it is the first one that is introduced here. I recommend you to link these your main concept somehow and use the same terms as one of your main concepts.
    - ***Agreed. According to reviewer's suggestion the introduction has been througly revised and initiated with the main concept of the current manuscript.(Pages:3-5, lines:50-103)***
2. You need to define your other concept which is psychological state of mothers. What type of depression and anxiety you mean here?
    - ***Maternal psychological states in the current study refer to depression, anxiety and stress symptoms which has been added to the manuscript in order to clarify this concept.***
3. Is this a common health problem in the selected society? How it has influenced the health of children?
    - ***More explanation regarding prevalence of this problem and its influence on children's health has been added to the text. (Pages:3, lines:50-62)***
4. What is the gap? You need to provide more information about the needed knowledge you will give us by your research.
    - ***Based on reviewer's comment the introduction has been thoroughly revised and the gap of knowledge was clarified in the last paragraph. (Pages:4-5, lines:93-103)***
5. Provide more information about this study, where and when it is being conducted. Why did you used their data for your study?
    - ***Agreed. Further information regarding the TLGS has been added to the text. (Pages:5, lines:107-113)***
    - ***To the best of our knowledge, the TLGS is the only family-based population-based study in Tehran that could provide essential data for both children and mothers to answer study questions.***
6. You need to mention your strategy of sampling and if you did not have sampling so explain here.
    - ***The sampling strategy of the TLGS was clarified and added to the text. As a part of the TLGS study, those participants who had required inclusion criteria were included in the current analysis. (Pages:5, lines:114-117)***
7. Why did you select these tools? How about validity and reliability?

- ***The rationale for using the DASS, as well as details of the psychometric properties of the Persian version, have been added to the text. (Pages:7, lines:142-150)***

8. What about ethical considerations?

    - ***The ethical approval and relevant information were added to the text. (Pages:5, lines:117-119)***

9. Summary these data if they are mentioned in the tables.
    - ***Agreed. Unnecessary information has been removed from the text.***

10. So what? How this information can help healthcare providers? Who is your audience? Nurses? Physicians? These need to be clear in the introduction and here you begin with the main question and then how the answer is helpful for your audience.

    - ***Suggested information has been added to the last paragraph of the introduction. (Pages:4-5, lines:93-103)***

11. You better to give some information about how and why the psychological state of mothers affect wellbeing of children.

    - ***This information has included in the introduction section. (Pages:4, lines:80-82)***

12. Well designed discussion.
    - ***Thanks for your comment.***

Reviewer 2

1. Explaining date of the TLGS

    - ***The date of the TLGS has been added. (Pages:5, lines:107-113)***

2. Revise and replace the old references
    - ***All the references have been revised and updated as could as possible.***

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 1 Jul 2021

Dear AE,
The modifications based on the comments are accepted.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 1 Jul 2021

Dear AE,
It is my pleasure to announce that the manuscript is now ready for acceptance.
Yours,
AG

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) — 4 Jul 2021

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.