

Answering Reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Introduction: Authors correctly mentioned that the Covid-19 pandemic is associated with increased risk for mental problems. Please consider mentioning that Covid-19 was associated with increased psychological distress not only in the general population (Moccia et al, Int J Environ Res Public Health, 2020; PMID: 33396363) but also in clinical samples (Di Nicola et al, Psychoneuroendocrinology 2020, PMID: 32956989).

Answer: Thank the reviewer very much for the constructive comments. These comments are very useful in improving our manuscript. We have revised the corresponding part based on the comments.

Methods: Are statistical analyses corrected for age? If not, authors should mention a possible influence of age as limitation in the limitation section.

Answer: Thank the reviewer's command. We re-analyzed the multiple analyses and reported the results corrected for age.

Discussion: There is some information available on family origin in this sample? It could be interesting to evaluate the relationship between current/past perceived family support and psychological distress related to Covid-19. Pertaining to this, a very recent study assessed the relationship between psychological distress related to Covid-19 and childhood trauma, founding that childhood trauma was associated with increased vulnerability to the stressful effect of the coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak. Please consider to discuss these results in the light of the present study. (Janiri et al, Aust N Z J Psychiatry, 2021 PMID: 33715469). This could be particularly important to address because childhood trauma is specifically associated with the burden of mental health, particularly mood disorders, which are the most frequent disorders in pregnant women. (Please consider citing Janiri et al, Eur Psychiatry. 2018, PMID: 29879623).

Answer: We completely agree with this valuable comment by the reviewer. Indeed, past perceived family support, family origin and childhood adversity are all important factors

related to psychological distress. Unfortunately, we did not collect the information about pregnant women' past perceived family support, family origin. But we understand that investigating of past perceived family support can better reveal the associations, which will be considered in our further studies.

The Editorial Office's comments and suggestions:

(1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words;

Answer: We revised the title of our manuscript. The revised title was "The role of perceived family support in psychological distress for pregnant women during the COVID-19 pandemic".

(2) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

Answer: We added the "Author Contributions" section at the end of the title page.

(3) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);

Answer: The approved grant application form was uploaded.

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Answer: The original figure document was submitted as requested.

(5) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;

Answer: PMID and DOI numbers were added. Authors list were revised.

(6) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text.

Answer: The “Article Highlights” section were added at the end of the main text.