

Review of: "Sociodemographic Factors and Parental Verbal Abuse in Indonesia"

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The authors investigated the prevalence of the verbal abuse and relevant sample characteristics in Indonesia, which may be helpful to identify risk groups and develop preventions or interventions that taking individual characteristics into account (this will need future research to include more risk factors).

In the introduction, the authors stressed the value of investigating verbal abuse well, also introduce what verbal abuse is. Authors also described the study in Indonesia. I would like to know the theoretical framework explaining the mechanism about how verbal abuse "hurt" children, and based on this theoretical model, why it is important to look at these characteristics. If necessary, the contextual/cultural background can be added.

The method section needs more effort, to be more transparent. For example, the authors can write more about the student sample (how old they were). The results/mechanisms can be influenced by the time/age of the child. This may also relate to your argument in the discussion. Besides this, more detailed information of developing the questionnaire and example questions of the questionnaire will be necessary. This is very helpful for me, as a reader, to have a better idea of how verbal abuse was defined and measured in this study.

I hope the reviews above will be helpful to the authors.