

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

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1. The authors really need to provide additional rationale for their study. Why are demographic characteristics relevant here? Wouldn't make more sense to look to actual psychosocial risk factors for verbal abuse if they are trying to design and implement a parenting program based on these results? Demographic factors may help to identify at-risk groups, but it won't really help structure programming that will help to address the problem.
2. Additional information about what methods were used to analyze the data are needed in the Methods section. As of now, it is unclear how exactly the data were analyzed, how missing data were managed, etc.
3. Similarly, more information is needed in the Methods section regarding how the variables of interest were measured in this study. As of now, there really isn't any clear indication of which scales were used and whether or not they had been validated except for the verbal abuse scale.
4. There is only limited discussion and interpretation of the multivariate results. This is problematic because this should really be where most of the interpretation is done and should be the main focus of the Results section.
5. "Based on the risk factors regarding domestic and family violence, a low level of education will trigger feelings of inferiority, so there is a need to control the situation by becoming a perpetrator of violence." This is quite a logical leap here. I think this language should either be tempered to be less certain or citations should be provided that support this statement. This statement cannot be made based on the results of this study alone.
6. "Childhood experiences greatly influence the way a mother educates her children. Parents tend to adopt parenting behaviours based on their experiences as children." Same as comment 5.
7. There are a number of other instances in the Discussion section that mirror my concerns in Comments 5 and 6.