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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_INDJ_128070
Title of the Manuscript:	Prevalence and risk factors associated with postpartum depression during the covid-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study
Type of the Article	Research

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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>		
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The current study investigates the prevalence of postpartum depression (PPD) and its associated factors among postpartum women in Brazil, during the COVID-19 pandemic. It finds a 35.5% prevalence of PPD. It is significantly linked to low educational attainment and anxiety about giving birth during the pandemic. The study emphasizes the heightened psychological challenges faced during the pandemic. It is an original study within the scope of the journal. I suggest several revisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The introduction should emphasize the unique side of the study. Other studies on the relationship between COVID-19 pandemic and PPD should also be mentioned.</li> <li>2. Detail the approach to participants, how were they recruited. Was the sample size sufficient? Power analysis findings should be added.</li> <li>3. Psychometric properties of Brazilian version of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS should be added.</li> <li>4. Explain why Poisson regression was preferred over alternatives like logistic regression. Justify its use.</li> <li>5. The discussion restates results without providing details about underlying mechanisms or implications. For example, the association between low education and PPD is explained simplistically through "poor living conditions" rather than critically focusing on other possible problems. This section should be improved.</li> <li>6. Limitations and conclusions appears to be sufficient.</li> </ol>	

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<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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