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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5): there is not only this manual for diagnosing mental disorders. A nosographic definition made according to the most recent ICD manual seems much more appropriate if the author wants to maintain an atheoretic diagnostic approach.</p> <p>NEED FOR THE STUDY: A more detailed explanation of the choice of autism as an object of study is needed. Is this the biggest (mental) health problem in the toddlers' population in India? Furthermore, the author must at least indicate that he/she is aware of the possible, even if perhaps not yet known, interactions between different health, psychological and social conditions and the expression of autism. What is the author able to tell us about the disorders of the child-mother attachment relationship in India? Given the age of the children whose mothers were included in the study, a comment is needed on this point. At least the author must clarify why he/she decided not to consider this aspect even at the level of commenting on the literature data.</p> <p>The prevalence in rural areas was 0.90%, 0.6% in hilly regions, 1.01% in urban areas, 0.1% in tribal areas and 0.61% in the coastal regions: Given the distribution declared by the author, a more in-depth comment is needed on the effect of the social context on the expression of autism along the different contexts.</p> <p>The study recommended that it is must to provide knowledge on autism to the mothers of toddlers by distributing pamphlets or educating them through mass media campaigns in the community setting: the willingness to understand the level of knowledge on autism of mothers of toddlers is very welcome. However, the logical leap of thinking of spreading the knowledge of autism without associating, at least at the same level of importance, the knowledge of a physiological system such as that of the attachment and its complementary, the care system, appears wildcat as a solution, especially if there is a lack of parallel assessment of autism care resources once diagnosed.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>PDD: please let the author define all acronyms used</p> <p>17-20 years, more than half of the mothers have higher secondary educational qualification (54%): Considering that the mothers are very young (76% in the age group 17-20), comment on the level of education achieved as a function of age with respect to the population of the country of origin.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>If the author is in a hurry to publish his/her work and therefore does not have time to provide data on the requests made, given the extreme importance of the issues related to the attachment relationship in the age group of the children whose mothers were included in the study, must at least provide the reasons why he/she did not consider this aspect which also has important clinical implications in the growth path of children. For example, in the presence of prolonged neglect, a diagnosis is not so easy and a child with insecure attachment could be misdiagnosed as autistic, especially when the symptoms are blurred or very blurred.</p>	

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

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