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### PART 1: Review Comments

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| **Compulsory REVISION comments** | **Introduction**  
1. On pg 2, ln 64, the authors cited Wikipedia— the free encyclopaedia. Although Wikipedia is generally informative, it may not be a valid/reliable source since anyone can make revisions on the webpage. The author(s) should remove the citation.  

**Method & Results**  
1. Has the questionnaire been validated? Although the authors provided a citation (Animasahun, 2007), I have been unable to locate it in the reference section. Also, it would be informative to the readers if the authors can describe the measure in greater detail. For example, what are the items in the Crime behaviour rating scale?  
2. As to Section A of the instrument, is the following “parents currently experiencing marital conflict” scored on a Likert scale? Did the item/measure specify whether the conflict is constructive or destructive? Since constructive marital conflict (e.g., problem-solving behaviour) looks very different from destructive conflict (e.g., verbal and nonverbal aggression), it would be helpful if the authors can specify the kind(s) of conflict they are looking at.  
3. Related to the above comment, I wonder if the notion of “marital conflict” differs from the rest of the “family types” (i.e., families with divorced parents, families with single parenthood, and intact families). All families have some degree of conflict. To some readers, it may not make sense to have marital conflict listed as a family type. It may be helpful if the authors can reframe these concepts and ideas, such that the naming represents actual family types.  
4. Could the authors clarify how the variables are formed? Are Divorce”, “Single parenthood”, and “Marital conflict” different variables, or are they actually categories of the same variable? If a participant endorsed “Marital conflict”, then he or she would not endorse “Divorce” or “Single parenthood” at the same time. It appears to me that these independent categories came from the same variable.  
5. However, if these variables are independent, it may be interesting to test for moderation... |

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## Discussion and Implications

1. Since question 1 only examined the correlations of the study variables, pg 8 ln 227-228 is an overstatement.
2. The authors seemed to be overstating the implications of this study. For example, since the authors did not compare the levels of antisocial behaviours between adolescents from divorced families and those from intact families, whether antisocial behaviours are “more prominent in unsettled homes” remains to be a question (pg 9 ln 250). As another example, although early intervention is important, this study did not show whether, or how, family processes affected children’s developmental trajectories. The last sentence of the text may be an overstatement.
3. A limitation section accompanied by future directions may be useful to guide future research.

### Minor REVISION comments

1. On pg 4, ln 115, the authors mentioned “Children of divorce parents often score lower than their peers of continuously intact families.” It sounds to me that children of divorced parents have lower levels of behaviour problems than others. Please clarify.
2. On pg 2, ln 57 and pg 8, ln 235, there is an extra “.”
3. Check for spelling across the document, e.g., “hazardous” on pg 8, ln 239.
4. Spelling should be consistent across the text e.g., use either “behaviour” or “behaviour”.
5. Check the references to ensure the formatting is consistent across.
6. For Tables 2 and 3, the authors can combine the columns “Sig” and “P”.

### Optional/General comments

This study tested the effects of marital conflict, divorce, and single parenthood on adolescent antisocial behaviours in Ibadan. Based on a sample of 300 adolescents, the authors found that single parenthood has the highest contribution on antisocial behaviours, as indicated by the beta weight.

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**Note: Anonymous Reviewer**