Reviewer's report

Title: Do agreements between adolescent and parent reports on family socioeconomic status vary with household economic stress? A cross-sectional analysis in Taiwan.

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General
The study contributes to the field of socioeconomic status, and is focused on the issue whether there is some bias in measures regarding ses (education, occupation, income).
The question posed by the authors is well defined; the methods are appropriate and well described.
The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting. Limitations of the work are clearly stated.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Data
It is unclear whether the sample (from 3 districts) is representative for entire Taiwan; this might affect the findings’ generalisability. Also it is not clarified why the study is performed in these 3 districts.

Discussion
What is lacking in the discussion is a suggestion / idea / explanation how the findings (‘We found that the degree of concordance for the three SES measures between adolescent and parent reports decreases with higher family economic stress and lower relative standard of living …’) might work.

Minor Essential Revisions

Results
Table 2. I suggest to remove ‘NT$‘ from mentioning it in every line two times and to mention it just once, above the income categories.

Frequently the word ‘research‘ is used whereas ‘study‘ is meant.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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