Reviewer's report

Title: Associations of Body Mass Index, Weight-related Concerns and Behaviors With Eating Disorders Among Non-clinical Chinese Adolescents

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Minor revisions:
-p3, line 2 - 3: 'were' should be 'was'
-p4, line 1 & line 12 (second paragraph): anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder should be described as eating disorders, rather than as 'disordered eating attitudes and behaviors'.
-p4, line 5: symptoms instead of symptom
-p5, line 17: in this sentence, the authors talk about the effect on eating disorders (which imply real full blown diagnoses like anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa...). However, in the following sentence, they talk about eating disorder symptoms and behaviors. During the entire introduction, it is important not to use/mix too many different concepts (eating disorders, eating disorder symptoms, disordered eating attitudes and behaviors), instead they may focus on only one central concept (e.g. disordered eating attitudes and behaviors).
-p12, line 12: this sentence reads very difficult and should be edited
-Table 1 & 2 are very large. to make them more comprehensive, the authors may remove the number of participants and only provide the percentages. Also, in Table 1, 2 and 3 the p-levels may be replaced by *, ** and *** (p<.05, < .01, < .001 respectively).
-p14, line 3: the authors state that perceived body weight partially or totally mediates the association between BMI and EDI subscales. However, the authors should more clearly mention where there was a partial mediation and where they found a total mediation.
-p14, line 18: perfectionism is not really a type of disordered eating behavior. It is recommended that the authors remove this.
-p17, last paragraph: the cross-sectional nature of the present study is indeed a limitation. However, it is recommended that the authors also mention that this cross-sectional nature only allows to draw conclusions with regarding the association between variables, and it is not possible to predict whether one variable (e.g.) BMI leads to/causes another (e.g. bulimia) or vice versa.

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