Reviewer's report

Title: Intra-familial and ethnic effects on attitudinal and perceptual body image of South African women

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Minor essential revisions:
1. The authors state that the adjectives they used to qualify the silhouettes used in the study (respect, happiness, and beauty) were adapted from previous work (Venter et al., 2009; Puoane et al., 2005). They should add this to the methods section.

2. I think my previous comment regarding the inclusion of literature regarding black American dyads was unclear. I was suggesting expanding the introduction by including the results from the studies I mentioned (or others) regarding maternal influences on body satisfaction among black girls.

3. Overall the additional paragraphs need to be carefully proof-read. Some sentences are particularly problematic for example:
   - “In this regard, parents indirect model their body size to their preadolescent children.”
   - “The reason was that this information was beyond the scope of this paper, as our focus was specifically on body image, and not included other obesity determinants”
   - “As well as how the girls’ development stage impact on the change of the beliefs and attitudes”.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.