Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between participation in leisure activities and constraints on Taiwanese breastfeeding mothers during leisure activities

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I apologize for not being able to deliver a Reviewer’s report last time due to an erroneous entry on my part. Your manuscript has become even clearer following the revisions made in response to the suggestions of the other two reviewers. For further improvement of your manuscript, please consider the following:

Major Compulsory Revision

1. Content
   Too many points are being made, which complicates the manuscript. Improved organization of points is recommended. I assume the researchers’ primary objective is to identify factors that constrain leisure activities among lactating women, so I recommend clearly stating the preferences and status of participation regarding actual leisure activities and the responses of mothers perceived as being constrained to the 37 items.

2. Concretely measure
   While keeping Tables 1 and 2 intact, I recommend an examination of correlations, as opposed to comparisons, between Leisure Participation and Leisure Preference in Table 3 because the scale items differ between them. I believe a higher correlation would indicate a greater ease of participation. I do not think Table 4 is necessary; it would be sufficient to explain its contents within the text. The Figure can also be omitted as long as the correlations are shown in Table 3. Also, I would personally find it interesting if you created a new Table 4 in which you divided the four items of Breastfeeding Practice into “From breastfeeding directly” and the other 3 items and compared the 10 items of actual leisure activities between scores of <2 and #3 on the action scale. It would be interesting to see whether differences are apparent in leisure participation between lactating women who only breastfeed directly and those who do not.

Minor Essential Revisions

Regarding Table 1

1. There is only one person under “Age of youngest children: 7-12 years”. Is it meaningful to show this data? If divisions can be made in the 0-6 years age group, please indicate the divisions and numbers.

2. The total number of individuals does not add up to 415 for Age or Job. I recommend specifying the number of individuals without data as “unknown” and
writing “Total: 415” at the top of Table 1.

3. Please fully explain the Five-point of Preference.

4. Regarding “e.g.” in the Discussion, please first explain it under Research Instrument.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No