Reviewer's report

Title: Chinese translation and validation of a parental feeding style questionnaire for parents of Hong Kong preschoolers

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This is on the whole a well-organized and well-written paper. Pluses include the great response rate and large sample size, and the need for a validated Chinese instrument.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) A better case should be made for translating the PFSQ as opposed to any other feeding instrument. In the introduction at the moment the authors largely discuss studies using other measures, which begs the question, why not translate one of those instead? Perhaps a content-related argument could be made e.g. Control scale is of particular interest in this population due to prevalent general child-rearing practices?? The authors might also help their case by referencing some studies using sub-scales from the PFSQ, e.g. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17228041, http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24976396.

2) In my opinion the demographic findings reported are substantive and merit separate reports (e.g. brief report in Appetite). The authors should consider either a) removing some of these findings and reporting them elsewhere, b) if they have hypotheses re the demographic questions, then including testing these as a secondary aim of the study, or c) presenting a better rationale for including these analyses as part of the validation process. For example, do the authors have predictions about the outcome of the demographic analyses based on previous research such that outcomes in accordance with previous research will suggest the measure is valid? The rationale (either as validation or as a substantive question) is especially unclear for the separate analyses of maternal and paternal education so please address this.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Line 96 - 'prompting and encouragement to eat' should be either 'prompting/enforcement to eat' or 'prompting or encouragement to eat'

2) Line 168 - should be 'scree' not 'screen'

3) Line 207 - please elaborate on 'Meanwhile, (the) gender difference may be attributed to patriarchy' - what does this mean, exactly?

Discretionary Revisions

1) In the discussion, the authors could make the point that this instrument will be
useful not only to conduct parent feeding research within China, but also to conduct international studies comparing feeding behaviors in Chinese-speaking countries with those in other countries.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.