Author's response to reviews

Title: Comparison of children's self-reports of depressive symptoms among different family interaction types in northern Taiwan

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Dear Reviewers:

We have made some revisions based on the Dr Berk’s comments. We have also modified the format of the paper as requested. Thank you for accepting this paper.

Yours sincerely,

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Reponses to the comments by Michele Berk

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. P. 5 - should say "separation anxiety" not "anxiety of separation.

   We have changed “anxiety of separation” to “separation anxiety”.

2. P. 5 - Sentence starting with "Previous research" should be start of a new paragraph.

   We have made this the start of a new paragraph.

3. P. 6 - What does "babying" of children mean?

   “Babying” refers to parents treating their children like babies, that is treating them as if they were much younger and less mature that what they are. We have replaced “babying” with “infantilization” to make this clearer.

4. P. 6 - Sentence starting with "In the field of family systems research" should be start of a new paragraph.

   We have made this the start of a new paragraph.

5. P. 7 - Sentence staring with "Lamborn and Mounts" should be new paragraph.

   We have made this the start of a new paragraph.

6. P.7 - You might want to state what components you are measuring in the last paragraph starting with "In summary"

   We had added a sentence to the last paragraph of the introduction about the measurement of family interactions.

7. P. 9 - I am still concerned with the fact that the use of a new depression measure means there is no reliability/validity established. I don't know if you want to address this or not?
We have added a sentence to the paragraph “depressive symptoms” describing the results of exploratory factor analysis. We hope that this can in some way address the lack of clear reliability and validity.