Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparison of Children's Depressive Symptoms among Different Family Interaction Types in Northern Taiwan

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct).

1. Abstract:
   Page 3: Delete, ‘On the other hand’. Sentence then begins, ‘Children…’

2. Abstract:
   ‘…which are related to children’s (delete ‘expression of’) depressive symptoms.’

3. Results
   The pattern of associations between subscales:
   It isn’t necessary to include a table showing the associations between the derived subscales. However, it might be good to include a sentence in the results reporting the range of associations between the subscales. I notice that some items have loadings greater than 3.0 on more than one subscale (e.g. ‘Parents shout and swear at you’). It would be interesting, therefore, to get a feel for whether, and how, these subscales are associated.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'