Reviewer's report

**Title:** Scale Development: Factors Affecting Diet, Exercise, and Stress Management (DESM)

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**Reviewer:** Katy Tapper

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**Minor Essential Revisions**

1. The first two lines of the abstract/background are a little repetitive. I'd recommended omitting the first line or providing further justification.

2. p.6 / procedure / line 7: 'word' should be 'words'

3. p.7 / data analysis and results / line 4: 'that' needs to be inserted

4. p.7 / data analysis and results / line 7: 'used to' should be 'used for'

5. p.8 / line 2: 'to eating' should be 'for eating'

6. p.8 / line 3: 'strongly disagree' should be 'strongly agree'

7. p.12 / line4: should read 'for the scale' not 'for scale'

**Discretionary Revisions**

8. Some brief discussion of the potential utility of the scale in future research / intervention may be helpful for readers.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'