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Responses to reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1:

1. The abstract is shortened.
2. In the introduction, an explanation was made to clarify that all five functions of an interpersonal relationship are addressed in the MOS Social Support Survey.
3. The some tables are deleted according to reviewer #2's suggestions.

Reviewer #2:

1. To avoid the confusing of combining to samples, the sample of this study was changed to use only the 265 family caregivers caring for someone with cancer.
2. Confirmatory factor analysis was removed from the results and address as a suggestion for future study. An exploratory factor analysis was used for this study.
3. Table 2 was removed as suggested.
4. Corrected subscale (excluding the item) was used for the item-own scale correlations. Thus, corrected correlations were presented for both 5-factor (Table 2) and 2-factor model (Table 5).
5. The reliability and validity of the 5 subscales was deleted from the results. Reliability and validity for only the 2 factor models that emerged from the Taiwanese sample was presented.
6. A scree plot was add for further clarification of the extraction of 2 factors.