

Appendix D: Quality Assurance Results for the ACP. Matrix of Original Items, Findings, Modifications, And Item Status.

Original item (Response option)	Findings from Round 1	Revised item (Response option)	Findings from Round 2	Status
Definitions and measurement of corporal punishment (behavior)				
What methods do you currently use to get your child to behave? (Open-ended response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Currently" is not relevant - Corporal punishment is reactionary, so question should be about what is done when child misbehaves 	What do you do when your child misbehaves? (Open-ended response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision seems clear - There are "degrees" of severity to consider; not all misbehavior is same/warrants the same approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will this item be scored? - Will this be an open-ended or close-ended item?
<p>Have you ever smacked/beaten your child? (Yes/No)</p> <p>If yes, how recently? (Last week/Last month/Last 6 months/Last year)</p> <p>Please indicate in which circumstances, if any, you have smacked/beaten your child(ren) in the past year. (Open-ended)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Smack" and "beat" are different - Unclear how to answer if smacked but never beaten - This does not capture other forms of punishment - There is a difference between recency, frequency, and severity of punishment 	<p>Have you ever used any form of physical punishment with your child? (Yes/No)</p> <p>If yes, please describe. With hand? With object(s)?</p> <p>When was the last time you used physical punishment?</p> <p>How often do you use physical punishment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision seems clear, but participants do not always clearly answer each part of the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will this item be scored? - Will this be an open-ended or close-ended item?

There is a big difference between smacking/beating a child and physically abusing a child. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	- "Beating" could be seen as the same as "physical abuse", even if "smacking" is not	There is a big difference between using physical punishment and physically abusing a child. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	- Revision seems clear, though a few participants asked if "big" was necessary ("How to determine what is a big difference?")	- Item should be tested with and without "big"
Restrictive question/item or response options				
Which of the listed methods (from previous question) has the most effect on your child's behavior? (Open-ended response)	- It depends on the child (behavior, age, etc.) and parent	Which (of those mention in Q1) works best? (Open-ended response) Is this the one you usually use? (Yes/No) If no, which method do you usually use? (Yes/No)	- Revision seems clear, but participants do not always clearly answer each part of the question	- How will this item be scored? - Will this be an open-ended or close-ended item?

<p>From this list, which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion about smacking/beating your child or children?</p> <p>(a) I think it is always wrong to smack/beat a child, and I won't do it b) I don't like the idea of smacking/beating a child, but I will do it if nothing else works c) I'm comfortable with the idea of smacking/beating a child and will do it when I think it's necessary d) I believe that if you spare the rod, you spoil the child e) I don't know)</p>	<p>- Options are not mutually exclusive - Multiple statements apply</p>	<p>From this list, which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion on using physical punishment on your child(ren)?</p> <p>(a) I think it is always wrong to use physical punishment on a child b) I don't like the idea of using physical punishment, but I will do it if nothing else works c) I'm comfortable with the idea of using physical punishment d) I believe that if you spare the rod, you spoil the child e) Refused, don't know)</p>	<p>- Options are still not mutually exclusive (Option B and D and C and D can co-exist) - "Spare the rod, spoil the child" does not necessarily mean severe corporal punishment</p>	<p>- How will this item be scored? - How do we resolve this so that the options are mutually exclusive? - Do we make each Option its own item?</p>
<p>Should schools be allowed to use corporal punishment to discipline children? (Yes/No)</p>	<p>- General sense/purpose of the item seems clear - Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no"</p>	<p>Schools should be allowed to use physical punishment to discipline children. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)</p>	<p>- Revision seems clear</p>	<p>- Item requires no further revision</p>

Is corporal punishment an effective method of disciplining a child? (Yes/No)	- Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no", several answer with "it depends" or "sometimes"	Physical punishment is an effective method of disciplining a child. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	- Revision seems clear, though item may not fully capture situation-dependent use of corporal punishment	- Possible addition of other items may be needed - Possible need to explore alternative response options (never, rarely, half the time, most of the time, always)
Does corporal punishment lead to the development of good character? (Yes/No)	- General sense/purpose of the item seems clear - Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no"	Physical punishment leads to the development of good character. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	- Revision seems clear	- Item requires no further revision
Does corporal punishment help build respect for authority figures? (Yes/No)	- General sense/purpose of the item seems clear - Item considered "too general" - Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no"	Physical punishment helps build respect for authority figures. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	- Revision seems clear	- Item requires no further revision

Does corporal punishment help children become successful adults? (Yes/No)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General sense/purpose of the item seems clear - Definition of "success" may be unclear - Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no" 	Physical punishment helps children become successful adults (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision seems clear, though definition of "successful adults" may still present an issue 	- Item would benefit from additional pre-testing
Does corporal punishment work better than other disciplinary measures that do not involve physical pain? (Yes/No)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General sense/purpose of the item seems clear - Participants are not always able to answer "yes" or "no" 	Physical punishment works better than other disciplinary measures that do not involve physical pain (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	Item not tested in Round 2?	- Item requires no further revision
Theme: Item relationship with construct unclear				
Only bad parents smack/beat their children. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most participants disagree with this statement, noting that corporal punishment can be a sign of good parenting, and bad parenting can take multiple forms - There is some confusion about what is meant by "bad parents" 	Only bad parents use physical punishment on their children. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses are similar to Round 1, and the item seems clear - It is not clear how participants are expected to respond in relation to attitudes towards corporal punishment (i.e., scoring could go either way) 	- Item was dropped due to the lack of a clear relationship between the item and the construct

Theme: Minor issues with terminology				
Smacking/beating a child is as unacceptable as hitting an adult. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Just as bad" used instead of "unacceptable" in practice - Smacking, beating, and hitting all different terms 	Using physical force on a child is the same as using physical force on an adult. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Physical force" is too strong a term - General sense/purpose of the item seems clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An alternative term for "physical force" needs to be identified and tested
The law should allow parents to smack/beat their children. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some confusion about what is meant by "the law" - Some confusion with what this would look like in practice - A few participants selected "neutral" but provided an explanation of disagreement 	Item was dropped for Round 2 due to overlap with other items and minor issues identified in Round 1	N/A	N/A
There should be a complete ban on parents smacking/beating their children, even as punishment. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants did not feel that the qualifier "even as punishment" was necessary 	There should be a complete ban on parentings using physical punishment on their children (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision seems clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item requires no further revision

It is sometimes necessary to smack/beat a naughty child. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	- "Naughty" not seen as necessary removed	It is sometimes necessary to use physical punishment with a child. (Strongly Disagree/ Disagree/ Neutral/Agree/Strongly Strong Agree)	- Revision seems clear	- Item requires no further revision
Would you support a law that made it illegal for parents to use corporal punishment to discipline their children? (Yes/No)	- It is not clear if this item is always understood - Legal/illegal needs to be explained to some participants	Would you support a law that made it illegal for parents to use physical punishment to discipline their children?	- Most participants are able to answer "yes" or "no", though a couple responded "maybe" or did not provide an answer - There were some qualifying statements to explain responses that might be lost with a single close-ended question	- Understanding of legal/illegal as part of this item will need to be tested in a population similar to the target population