Dear Editors:

We would like to submit the enclosed manuscript entitled “Developmental Differences about Similarity-Preference in the Morality and Taste”, which we wish to be considered for publication in “SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND PERSONALITY”. No conflict of interest exits in the submission of this manuscript, and manuscript is approved by all authors for publication. I would like to declare on behalf of my co-authors that the work described was original research that has not been published previously, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere, in whole or in part. All the authors listed have approved the manuscript that is enclosed.  
 In this work, we evaluated the similarity-preference effect in children and adults via both moral attitudes and taste attitudes. And the results show that the similarity-preference is regulated by the subjects’ different stages of psychological development and the different rationality levels in the situations, so it cannot be fully explained by the perspectives of Heiphetz et al(2017). I hope this paper is suitable for “SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND PERSONALITY”.  
 We deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving comments from the reviewers. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Thank you and best regards.

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