

Referee 1.

Thanks so much for the very useful comments.

Following your suggestions I've discussed at length the results and the context in which they were obtained, i.e. the economic reforms and the one child policy. I've certainly paid more attention to the profound effect that combining the variables in the context of a joint distribution has (indeed it has provoked me into doing more research into the impact of combining characteristics in a joint density as opposed to combining the univariate indices in more general wellbeing contexts like poverty and inequality measures.)

All minor comments have been accommodated.