**Development and validation of a quantitative food frequency questionnaire to assess free sugar intake among Sri Lankan preschool children**

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Abbreviations

95% CI – 95% confidence Interval

ECC – Early Childhood Caries

FFQ – Food Frequency Questionnaire

24hDR – 24-hour Dietary Recall

ICC - Intra-class Correlation Coefficient

IQR – Inter Quartile Range

SCC - Spearman rank Correlation Coefficient

P – Probability value

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