Table S1: Questions used to assess severity of wheeze and definition of severity indicators

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Wheeze severity:	Wheeze severity:
1) In the past year has she/he had any periods	1) How many attacks of wheezing has your
when there was wheezing with whistling on	child had during the last 12 months?
his chest when he breathed?	i. None
i. Yes	ii. 1 to 3
ii. No	iii. 4 to 12
b. How many separate times has this	iv. More than 12
happened in the past 12 months?	2) Do these attacks cause him/her to be short of
i. Once	breath? (only asked in 1999)
ii. Twice	i. Yes, always
iii. 3-4 times	ii. Yes, occasionally
iv. 5 or more times	iii. No, never
c. Was she/he breathless during any of these	3) In the last 12 months, how often, on average,
times?	has your child's sleep been disturbed due to
i. Yes for all	wheezing?
ii. Yes for some	i. Never woken with wheezing
iii. No not at all	ii. Less than one night per week
d. How often, on average, has your child's	iii. One or more nights per week
sleep been disturbed due to wheezing in	4) In the last 12 months, how much did
the past 12 months?	wheezing interfere with your child's daily
i. Never woken with wheezing	activities?
ii. Less than one night per week	i. Not at all
iii. One or more nights per week	ii. A little
e. Has wheezing ever been severe enough to	iii. A moderate amount
limit your child's speech to only one or	iv. A lot
two words at a time between breaths in	
the past 12 months?	
i. Yes	
ii. No	
Definition of severity indicators:	Definition of severity indicators:
Frequent attacks: 1.b.iii or 1.b.iv (≥3 attacks)	Frequent attacks: 1. iii or 1.iv (≥4 attacks)
Shortness of breath: 1.c.i or 1.c.ii	Shortness of breath: 2.i or 2.ii

Sleep disturbance: 1.d.ii or 1.d.iii	Sleep disturbance: 3.ii or 3.iii
Speech limitation: 1.e.i	Interference with activities: 4.ii, 4.iii, or 4.iv