Reviewer's report

Title: Weight change in control group participants in behavioural weight loss interventions: A systematic review and meta-regression study.

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Reviewer: Lorna Aucott

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In the main I'm happy with the ammendments made by the authors. There is just one one I would like them to expand on:

9. Page 9, 1st Para: categorised variables
Your reasons are fine but would you include in the text as you have in your comments that the reason you categorised these variables (trial duration, number of assessments) is because the distributions cannot be considered normally distributed and the range of values were small and inconsistent across all studies.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'