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Title: Preventing childhood obesity during infancy in UK primary care: a mixed-methods study of HCPs’ knowledge, beliefs and practice

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Dear Eden

Thank you for forwarding me the reviews you have obtained for this paper. You may recall that 3 were positive and 1 (Reviewer 2) suggested a number of revisions. I have read all the reviewers comments and agree with most of them, including Reviewer 2. I have therefore incorporated most of the changes suggested. In brief this involved changing the focus of the title and introduction to infant rather than child (reviewer 2), explaining why obesity risk knowledge was assessed (reviewer 2) and rephrasing particular sections (reviewer 2). In addition, I have added detail to the "study limitations" section as suggested by several reviewers. The only aspect which I have not done is to describe the results of the survey in the text (suggested by reviewer 2) as this information is provided in the tables at the end of the document and will therefore accompany the comparative findings. I think the reviewers comments have improved the paper and I am grateful to all of them.

In respect of the editorial requirements I have reworded the section on data sharing. At the time of data collection UK ethics committees did not require participants to explicitly consent to their data (in this case quotes from interviews) to be shared. The quotes used are from the manuscripts and we can use them. I merely added this paragraph to show that the requirements on data sharing have now changed. I am happy for you to remove the whole section if you so wish.

The version I am submitting has "track changes" on so you can examine the changes I have made. Please note that the references have been manually changed as the new version of Endnote (13) does not include BMC Family Practice as a "style function". I am looking into this but do not anticipate an early response. I am sorry about this.

Best wishes
Sarah