Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Imre Rurik

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REVIEW for BMC Family Practice
Redsell et al. PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN UK PC...
Authors discussed a very important topic, the issue of the childhood obesity. Qualitative studies are usually appropriate methods for exploring attitudes, beliefs, behaviors which can not be “numerated”. Date seem to be valid, although the sample size is small, and geographical representativity seems to be limited, and perhaps not characteristic for UK HCPs. It is one of the main limitations, but unfortunately was not mentioned. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? yes.

Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
Is the writing acceptable? Yes
I recommend to publish this paper, which may persuade other researchers to explore the barriers of proper obesity management in other countries and settings.
23rd May 2011

sincerely yours,
Imre Rurik

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.