Reviewer’s report

Title: Determinants of (sustained) Overweight and Complaints in Children and Adolescents in Primary Care: the DOERAK cohort study design

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Reviewer: Lena Sanci

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minor essential revisions are only points of grammar I picked up.

Edit the following sentences:

1. To help them remind recruiting for DOERAK during consultations a DOERAK reminder in the medical information system is used for all children between 2 and 18 years of...

to:

To help them remember to recruit for DOERAK during consultations a DOERAK reminder in the medical information system will be used for all children between 2 and 18 years of

and

2. Furthermore, the researcher is in contact with all GP trainees, e-mails weekly updates and will encourage them to approach children for the study.

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and

3. If the family is on holiday or children are too sick to answer the questions the questionnaires are send later, this in accordance with the parents.

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and

4. Children aged nine years and older at time of consultation fill out their own questionnaires, for younger children their parents answer the questions with proxy forms. Both parents sign informed consent (children aged twelve years and older sign informed assent) and send it to the researcher. When the informed consent form (and if applicable the informed assent form)
is received the child is formally included in the study. If questionnaires are not filled-out after one week a reminder will be sent. This will be repeated for the...

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6. To minimize this bias GP trainees are taught about the hazards of a selection bias and encouraged to invite all children who consult them.

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**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'