Reviewer's report

Title: Obstacles to the prevention of overweight and obesity in the context of Child Health Care in Sweden

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This is in general a clearly written report of a qualitative study among Child Health Care Nurses. The introduction presents the background in sufficient detail and the aim is clear. The data collection has been carried out appropriately. The results are presented in a well-organized way. However, what struck me was the unanimity with which the nurses denied that overweight was a problem in their centers. This leaves me with the question if the right sampling method has been followed. Apparently districts with larger number of immigrants, in which the prevalence of overweight would be higher, have been missed.

What struck me as well is the defensive attitude of the interviewees. Although obesity and overweight were considered hardly prevalent, they had a negative perception of their knowledge, they were pointed to other caregivers who should take care for the problem and the considered management and organization ambiguous and insufficient.

In the discussion, the presented obstacles are discussed rather uncritical. The obstacles are taken for granted and compared with existing literature.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

1) The authors should reflect more critically on their sampling method, asking themselves if they have missed important informants from regions where the problem of overweight and obesity is more prevalent.

2) The authors should be more critical in the discussion about the contradiction of overweight not being a prevalent problem in their districts while they were pointing to a lot of obstacles.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests