Reviewer’s report

Title: The prevalence of obesity in children with autism: a secondary data analysis using nationally representative data from the National Survey of Children's Health

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This is a descriptive paper that adds to the literature on the nutritional status of children with autism. As the authors point out, the strength of this study is that it is based on a nationally representative sample. It is important to recognize that the prevalence of obesity is quite high among these children, but more so to understand why (not the aim of this study. The fact that weight and height was obtained from telephone interviews and that the validity of this data (from a nationally representative sample) has not been determined is difficult to understand. The authors should address if there was a difference in prevalence rates according to age and sex and if possible by the time elapsed since the autism was diagnosed

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests