Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of severely obese children and adolescents in the Netherlands (HELIOS project)

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Authors examined the prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors and quality of life. Even though the quality of life was the most novel issue, it was not extensively studied. Authors concluded that cardiovascular risk factors were already highly prevalent in this group of severely obese children and adolescents and this statement was widely studied across the world. Authors should correct the manuscript and respond to the comments of the reviewers in order to improve the quality of the paper.

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.