Reviewer's report

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General

The revised manuscript is much clearer and easier to follow. However, I do still have some concerns.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The coeval use of BMI, %BMI, z-BMI and BMI-SDS is very unusual and causes confusion. In general, BMI-SDS is used instead of z-BMI when the distribution of BMI is not normal contributed (which is the case in children). I think that the results differ in this extent because the authors did not use the same reference population to calculate z-BMI and BMI-SDS.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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.