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Title: The Problem of Obesity Among Adolescents in Hong Kong: A Comparison Using Various Diagnostic Criteria

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Dear Sir

Re: MS: 4147174341530927: The Problem of Obesity Among Adolescents in Hong Kong: A Comparison Using Various Diagnostic Criteria (previously: The Problem of Childhood Obesity in Hong Kong - A Cross-Sectional Observation Study)

Thank you very much for your email reply on 30 Jan 2008. We are grateful that you and your Editorial Board are interested in our paper and allow us to resubmit it after revision. We have valued comment from the 3rd reviewer and made revisions accordingly as follow:

1. P.6, Results, 1st paragraph: We now presented the figures in detail i.e. from the 14 schools, random samples of 4598 students were identified from their six forms (1 to 2 classes were randomly selected from each form of each school with 30 to 45 students per each class). Of these, 2115 school children consented. Of the 2115 children, 17 missed their anthropometric assessment. Hence, data on 2098 school children were presented.

2. We briefly addressed the issue of ‘drop out’ and stated in the beginning of Discussion that: “Our study was limited by the volunteer nature of the respondents. Nevertheless, the response rate was approximately 50% which is comparable with most volunteer surveys.”

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)____________________
Gary TC Ko, for all authors