Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Ken Ong

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The authors have responded adequately to most of my comments.

Major Compulsory Revision

However when they state in the results para 1 that "Successful anthropometric measurements were conducted in all (2098) children who consented for study", it is unclear how many children did not consent (individual consent) out of the 14 schools who consented to the study (school consent). Could they elaborate on whether individual consent was needed, and how the 2098 were chosen from the total population (n=?) of these 14 schools.

This is important as in other countries individual drop-out from school based measurement surveys is clearly related to obesity prevalence (e.g. the UK 2006 National Child Measurement Programme).

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'