Reviewer's report

Title: Development and tracking of central patterns of subcutaneous fat of rural South African children aged 5 to 15 years: Ellisras Longitudinal Study

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Discretionary Revisions
Page numbers would be helpful

Abstract: Background first line: Plural "central patterns"
Background: again: "central patterns"
line 15: "Adolescence?"
line 16: "secondary sex characteristics" instead of secondary changes
line 19: again "central patterns"
Discussion: no plural "s", singular "Discussion"
line 18: again "central patterns"
next page, last paragraph: "exhibit", no s
next page, first paragraph: at the "gluteal-femoral region",
same page, last paragraph: instead of "anatomic locations" use "anatomic well defined body sites"
Conclusion: again: "central patterns"
line 7: " how healthy these children are and their lifestyle is".

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