Reviewer’s report

Title: Economic and other barriers to adopting recommendations to prevent childhood obesity: results of a focus group study with parents

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This is a clear, concise, well organized paper.

Major compulsory revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions: the size, duration, and composition of each focus group should be provided

Discretionary Revisions: it would be of interest to know how parental responses varied with family size; age of child; BMI of child; and health of child. Were, for example, barriers deemed more or less surmountable by parents of children suffering ill health secondary to obesity? If these matters were not addressed, they should be noted among limitations, and recommendations for subsequent study.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests