Author's response to reviews

Title: The validity of self-reported weight in US adults

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Revisions to submitted manuscript “The validity of self-reported weight in US adults”

Thank you for your patience. The reviewer of the original manuscript, Professor John Himes, provided excellent constructive criticism that served to strengthen the paper. The following changes have been made:

- An expanded section on the need to consider unequal selection probabilities in the analysis of complex surveys is included. The analysis was originally done in this manner, but the description of the methods failed to emphasize this point.
- The background has been rewritten to better place the present paper in the context of previous studies.
- Implications for research and practice are discussed.
- Crude proportions in Table 4 were omitted.
- 95% confidence intervals are now presented while retaining the information on statistical significance.
- If Professor Himes would allow it, I would prefer that the Figure be retained. While it is true that it presents tabulated data, it is not completely redundant in that the graphical representation gives the reader a grasp of the main relationships at a single look, something that is difficult to appreciate when numbers are scanned. However, I will defer to his final judgement.

Some minor changes:
- Author details have been updated.

I look forward to receiving word on the progress of decisions.

Best regards,

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