Title: Is WHO height reference relevant to Polish school-aged children and adolescents

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We hereby submit research article “Is WHO height reference relevant to Polish school-aged children and adolescents” for your kind consideration.

The paper is presenting comparison of international and local growth references which has been done with the use of whole country cross-sectional data on children’s and adolescents’ height (the first time ever in Poland). The article is also discussing issue of applicability to local population blood pressure reference for children and adolescents developed by CDC for the USA population which is the case of Poland because of lack of own blood pressure reference. Checking applicability of existing growth references is important from public health perspective not only because of use of growth chart in children’s low height-for-age diagnosis but also because height is basic component of anthropometric indicators of obesity and blood pressure is interpreted in children according to the height centile.

The manuscript has not been published previously in print or electronic format and is not under consideration by another publication.

Yours faithfully,

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