Reviewer's report

Title: A prospective study of weight development and behavior problems in toddlers: the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study

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The authors have responded to the previous critique by making some small changes in the manuscript. However, a few important issues remain which must be addressed.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

The conceptual framework should be presented. Whether children at this age have sufficient cognition and therefore validity of the study should be discussed in the introduction to the manuscript.

The authors should rewrite the introduction focusing on the age group under study. At present it is all mixed up with all age groups making it difficult to follow the question and the hypothesis.

The figures are not understandable to a person not involved in this kind of work. They require detailed and easily understandable legend explaining what is being presented. As such it is just left to guess work of interconnecting boxes!

Minor: none

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'