Reviewer’s report

Title: An overview of ethical frameworks for programs to prevent overweight

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This manuscript describes an interesting overview of the available ethical frameworks for the field of obesity and public health. Even though the prevention of overweight and obesity is more and more on the agenda of public health policies worldwide, there is a lack of consistent discussion on ethical questions for the intervention strategies.

The introduction is well-written and ends with a clear purpose of the study. The paper also presents a very well-organized presentation of results and discussion.

One major comment (for a discretionary revision): As there are a range of proposal for preventing obesity, from individual counseling and health education to regulations and laws related to food marketing, and just one of the six frameworks identified includes questions related to obesity prevention, readers would benefit from having a more in-depth understanding of the key ethical components of the frameworks that could be relevant to each kind of intervention.

Minor essential revisions required are:
- Page 4, 2nd paragraph, I would suggest to add a reference on this paragraph.
- Page 5, line 1. Can the authors say something about the contacting of the experts, including how they were defined, how the authors contact them and what they were precisely asked about?
- Page 15, line 9, the sentence …the value of a framework is that IS must offer… should be … the value of a framework is that IT must offer…

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.