Reviewer’s report

Title: Social and cultural factors underlying generational differences in overweight: a cross-sectional study among ethnic minorities

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Reviewer: Seeromanie Harding

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I am happy with the amendments. The text is much improved.

I have one minor comment to make. I am still unclear about the response rates. I apologise for the confusion over my statement. My figures were based on a rough calculation of final sample in the analysis (339+334)/numbers expected to be in the sample(1556+995).

Having justified the exclusion of the <15y, I think the response rate rates cited should refer to those aged 15-30y. To clarify, the sample attrition should refer to the loss to follow up for the different reasons (incorrect address, refusals, non-response after three attempts to make contact (does this mean there was no one at home or no response to mailed invitations?) and to exclusions due to item-non-response, reported for each group. The analysis was based on x Turkish and y Moroccans (complete case analysis).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests