Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of weight change from before pregnancy to one year postpartum.

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Minor Essential Revisions:

While clearly a number of validated measures were used in this study (e.g. for exercise and diet) no comment is made regarding the reliability or validity of some other measures - e.g. breastfeeding questions; reliability of recalling pre-pregnancy weight. It is my assumption that no comment equals no data regarding validity and thus I believe it is important to acknowledge this in the limitations section of your discussion. I wonder if this is indeed more important than the note that this is self-reported data.

I noticed in a couple of places that weight was spelt weigh.

Discretionary revisions:

Regarding breastfeeding conclusions drawn in the discussion. I believe, given the measure of breastfeeding seems not to quantify amount of breastfeeding (totally breastfed, partially breastfed etc) that it would be wise to be circumspect in your assessment of how these data add to the current evidence. I feel it would be appropriate to soften your language in this instance.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 I have no competing interests