Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The influence of parents and home-life on preschoolers’ physical activity behaviours: A qualitative investigation of childcare providers’ perspectives

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**Reviewer:** Maria Paula P Santos

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This study examines the perspectives of childcare staff regarding the role of parents in increasing children’s physical activity behaviors.

The research question is well defined and the methodology is adequate to the purposes. In fact, hearing voices of caregivers through qualitative inquiries gives a unique understanding of caregiver perceptions.

This study contributes to the field of physical activity promotion among preschoolers, as mentioned by the authors, highlighted the importance of partnerships between parents and caregivers. Nonetheless, this important aspect that emerges from discussion needs more clarification. How these partnerships could be effective? Do parents need to be empowered to improve supportive home environment to active behaviors? These are two important aspects that need to be more elaborated in the discussion section.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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