Reviewer's report

**Title:** Is proximity to food retail stores associated with diet and BMI in Glasgow, Scotland?

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**Reviewer:** Annie Anderson

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Essential revisions

Ref 3 is not a policy document but reports original research in Scotland and the findings should be discussed!

A reference is needed for dietary recommendations for "not exceeding on unhealthy snack daily"

The best evidence on dietary habits and obesity is for sugary drink consumption... does the survey have any data on this important variable?

The phrase "ground truthing exercise" might be usefully changed!

Discretionary revisions

The ref to low errors in self reported weight is now out of date. Recent evidence shows increased under reporting of weight as the nation gets fatter. Self report may be routinely used but that does not make it valid, especially when the survey shows a significantly lower proportion of folks outwith the normal weight range and a small proportion of obese. I wonder what a highest BMI versus lowest BMI might look like?

**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 have no competing interests