Reviewer's report

**Title:** Modifiable risk factors for overweight and obesity in children and adolescents from Sao Paulo, Brazil

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**Reviewer:** Mohammad Khassawneh

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Dear Editor

The following is my review of the manuscript

1-the question is well defined
2-method used is well defined but need more clarification
3- Data is good and sound well
4- Data is adherent to the reporting standard
5-Conclusion need to be adjusted for language
6-need to put clear limitation of the data
7-english need some modification

**Abstract**

Result: the first sentence is not written well and may say "while 8.9% of male and 4.3 of female are obese.

2- In "The prevalence of overweight and obesity was greater in boys and in younger children when compared to girls and older children, respectively" the word greater is not appropriate

3-in the paragraph of the results it is not clear what is adjusted for and what ois significantly associated factor "After controlling for differences in sex, age, and parental education, computer usage, parental encouragement, and light soft drink consumption showed significantly positive associations with the odds of overweight" this need to be clarified

4- the word positively and negative association is not appropriate...use associated with more or associated with less.

Conclusion is Ok but how can you modify the three significant factors mentioned it is a big challenge

**Introduction**
Is ok and up to point

Methods
Participant
Need further detail of number of school in the region and method of school inclusion and then method of sampling per age and if any body refused how many and why and are this going to affect the sampling by any bias

Results
1- Language need to be adjusted by an expert example "Overweight and obesity decreased significantly as age group increased in both boys and girls" need to add overweight and obesity prevalence."

Conclusion:
The conclusion should clarify what mean by in negative way

**Level of interest**: An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English**: Acceptable

**Statistical review**: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests**: 

i have no competing interest in this field