Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes towards and Perception of Overweight and Obesity in the Public Opinion: a systematic review

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This is a nicely written paper dealing with an important topic which might advance knowledge in the fight against obesity.

Several minor changes are needed before the manuscript is acceptable for publication:

1. Abstract: The aim of the manuscript is missing from the abstract. It should be clearly stated in the abstract.

2. Abstract: It is not clear to me what do the authors refer to by the "three components" mentioned in the Results section (in the abstract).

3. The term casual attributions should be changed to causal all along the manuscript.

4. The last sentence of the Introduction section is not clear. Please re-phrase.

5. Conclusions section: The reference to "operationalization" in the first sentence of this section is unclear.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 that I have no competing interests'