Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of the metabolic syndrome among children from six cities of China

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The authors have willingly answered the reviewer comments, the study contains important limitations by design. Still, the data will interest the reader.

1- the data will interest the reader on a timely topic.
2- The authors acknowledged the limitations of the study in their response.
3- Puberty is an important factor in determining lipid levels among children and adolescents. Even though 11 years old girls were included in the study, no assessment for puberty were reported.
4- Certainly they should comment on the socioeconomical differences, puberty, methodological differences among the limitations.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests