Reviewer's report

Title: Disparities in obesity among rural and urban residents in a health disparate region.

Version: 5 Date: 10 September 2014

Reviewer: Paul C Erwin

Reviewer's report:

The authors have satisfactorily addressed the issues I raised in my initial review of their manuscript, with one exception: The authors state: "all census tracts in the 3 counties are classified as rural with RUCA codes >4." Then the very next statement is "A handful of census tracts have RUCA scores of 2 or 3, designating very sparsely populated areas." These two statements seem contradictory - how can all census tracts have RUCA codes > 4 if some have RUCA codes of 2 or 3?

I have no additional review comments.

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.