Reviewer's report

Title: The Association between Breastfeeding and Childhood Obesity: A Meta-analysis

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1) In EMBASE PubMed, searching for (breastfed*) AND (obesity OR overweight OR adiposity) AND (child* OR infant) limited to date before 1st August 2014 resulted in 263 papers; similar search in EMBASE resulted in 362 results. It is unclear how the authors obtained only 428 studies.

2) The authors haven’t presented any data on the relationship between breastfeeding and diet and sleep. Thus, there is no basis to conclude that the mechanism of breastfeeding’s influence later in life is complex.

3) The definition of obesity in each reference is different, what do you think about whether it will affect the result?

4) The duration of breastfeeding in each reference is also different. The authors stated that breastfeeding for <3 months showed slightly protective effect on childhood obesity, while breastfeeding for #7 months showed a significantly high protection. Generally speaking, the child for six months can add complementary. The authors should consider how this will influence the results.

Minor Essential Revisions

Background
1) Page 4, line 88: “between the two” changed into “between the breastfeeding and childhood obesity”

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS
1) Page 16, line 365: delete the “;”.

2) Lowercases and uppercase of the total items should be consistent.
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