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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We changed the description about Ethics and Consent in Methods as you request.

(1) Ethics: Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

"Because this study was based on information from 2009 Korean Survey on the Obesity of Youth and Children by the NYPI that was comprised of thoroughly deidentified secondary data released to the public for research purposes [17], this study was exempt from full review by an ethical committee at Eulji University (EU12-18)."


(2) Consent: Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

"The methodology used in this study was face to face interview with structured questionnaire by educated interviewers and the interview has been held at the sample schools from June 2009 to September 2009 after obtaining the informed consent from each subject."