Reviewer’s report

Title: Setting Policy Priorities to Address Eating Disorders and Weight Stigma: Views from the Field of Eating Disorders and the U.S. General Public

Version: 1 Date: 21 March 2014

Reviewer: Phillippa Diedrichs

Reviewer’s report:

This paper addresses an important topic and provides a much needed evidence base for policy recommendations related to eating disorders and weight stigma. It is well written and has novel research questions and a sound methodology. I am confident that it makes a useful and innovative contribution to the public health, obesity and eating disorders fields of research. It also has the potential to contribute to substantial policy impacts. Because the paper is so strong, I have few suggestions for clarification/improvement.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None.

Minor Essential Revisions:
Although the issues of weight stigma and eating disorders may be related, it would be helpful to provide a rationale for why the authors grouped together people’s preferences for policies across these issues, rather than looking at preferences for policies in relation to each issue separately. For instance, are the suggested policies likely to be beneficial for both issues, and would people’s preferences be similar across issues and therefore justify combining the two in the survey questions? A sentence or two justifying this approach would be helpful.

Discretionary Revisions:
None.

Minor issues not for publication:
Abstract: The second sentence under the results study is difficult to interpret, please use commas to break up the listed strategies.
Method: Third paragraph under “Survey Questionnaire” – should the first sentence read “most positive impact on efforts to address weight stigma and (rather than or) eating disorders”?

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests