Reviewer's report

Title: Physical activity, screen viewing and obesity status in a nationally representative sample of Maltese youth

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1. Minor Essential Revisions:
   a) While I found the title to be clear, I wonder whether the authors are interested in screen viewing by the target population or the time taken by the Maltese youth on screen. There is need to reconsider the use of the term 'screen viewing' in the title.

   b) It is evident that the authors are comparing their results with other studies conducted in North America, Australia and England yet the title does not show that the study was a comparative one.

   c) There is data of on the Physical activity, screen time obesity status among school aged children in Africa. Why did the authors fail to highlight some of the results from Africa? There could be some lessons to learn by doing so.

   d) Can the authors elucidate why Malta has such a high prevalence of obesity? Could it be nature, nurture or both? This needs to be addressed.

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

   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