Reviewer’s report

Title: Parental knowledge of paediatric physical activity recommendations in the United Kingdom and its association with parental behaviour: an observational study

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Reviewer: Palma Chillón

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This manuscript addresses an important public health issue, regarding the parental knowledge of the physical activity recommendations in the United Kingdom. The manuscript is clear, well-structured and appropriately written. The topic is quite new in the scientific literature. Some minor might be addressed, to improve the current status of the manuscript. See the comments below.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Methods.
   - It is suggested including if the questions used for measuring the knowledge of physical activity recommendations, the parental support and the parental modelling of physical activity are valid, reliable and if they have been previously used in other studies.

2. Discussion.
   - It is suggested starting the 1st paragraph including the main results of the overall study (including all the analyses).

3. Tables 1 and 2.
   - It is suggested eliminating vertical lines and reduce as much the number of horizontal lines.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'