Reviewer's report

Title: The prevalence of underweight, overweight, obesity and associated risk factors among school-going adolescents in seven African countries

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Reviewer: Carina Sjöberg Brixval

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Underneath I have given my comments for the authors to consider.

Abstract
My former comments have been answered satisfactory. I have one additional comment:
• You use an abbreviation for Global School-based Student Health Survey later in the abstract. Pleased note that in the first sentence of the methods section.

Introduction
My former comments have been answered satisfactory. I have one additional comment:
• In the sentence: “While prevalence and factors associated with adolescent overweight and obesity in the developed world have been well documented, the same is not true for the rest of the developing world”. I think you should omit “the rest of” in order for the sentence to make sense.

Methods
My former comments have been answered satisfactory. I have one additional comment:
• In the section: “Logistic regression reporting odds ratios (ORs) was used to determine the relationship between potential risk factors and being either underweight, overweight or obese. That is, those that were underweight were compared to the rest of the population”. I think it is a bit confusing that the underweight is being measured, but not the overweight/obese. I can see from your answer to another reviewer, that you have compared overweight and obese in one category with all others. Maybe you could add this information in the methods section?

Results
My former comments have been answered satisfactory.

Discussion
My former comments have been answered satisfactory.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests