Reviewer's report

Title: Mid-term Body Mass Index increase among obese and non-obese individuals in middle life and deprivation status: A cohort study

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Reviewer: Karri Silventoinen

General

This paper has clearly improved and I am happy that I can now recommend publishing these interesting results in the BMC Public Health. I have only a few stylistic suggestions.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The abbreviations BMI and PG should spelled out when they are mentioned the first time in the main. Now they are oddly spelled out on page 7 in the second paragraph.

I still feel that p<0.0001 is more correct formulation than p<0.000 (p-value can never be exactly zero or less than zero even when it can be indefinitely close to zero).

In the reference 14 the two last author names are misspelled; they should read Lahelma and Kaprio.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests