Reviewer’s report

Title: Anthropometry Measures and Prevalence of Obesity in the Urban Adult Population of Cameroon: An update from the Cameron Burden of Diabetes Baseline Survey

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Reviewer: Harold David McIntyre

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General
This is an extensive survey of overweight and obesity in Cameroon. Methodology appears sound. Some clarification of results would be desirable. In particular the authors should make some suggested conclusions regarding the relevance of the three measures of obesity (BMI/WC/WHR) in their population (ie which is the recommended method, both now and for future studies). This is of particular relevance to males, as the prevalence of obesity is twofold greater if BMI rather than WHR is used.

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

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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)
Why is there no "underweight" category ie BMI < 20 (see "Measurements", p4)? Surely some people must have fallen into this group?
Spelling and grammar need attention throughout the document. eg inappropriate plural forms of adjectives / p5 "higher for men than for men"

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) Nil

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.