Reviewer's report

Title: Overweight, physical activity, tobacco and alcohol consumption in a cross-sectional random sample of German adults

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Reviewer: Dag Thelle

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
There is no need for further revisions as far as I can see.
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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 headings of tables are short and not very informative (except table 1). Table 2 could for instance be: Distribution of BMI according to WHO classification in 2187 German adults by gender and age. This makes the table slightly quicker to grasp. Similar changes are suggested for the subsequent tables.
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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
Table 6. The risk (Odds ratio) of hepatic steatosis according to age, gender, anthropometric measures and blood lipids. A logistic regression analysis of 1767 adults. Similar for tables 8 and 9, think about other ways of expressing the results of the statistical analyses. Least square means may not be intuitively clear to all readers.
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What next?: Accept after discretionary 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, Dag S. Thelle