Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns in sedentary and exercise behavior and associations with overweight in boys and girls

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General
1. This study purports to address an important and timely health topic – gender differences in sedentary and physical exercise behaviors and their association with overweight status in children.
2. It proposes a cross-sectional design and comparative analysis among children living in nine European countries with ambitious implications and recommendations in terms of policies and future practices.
3. This is a well written paper.

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

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