Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns in sedentary and exercise behavior and associations with overweight in 9-14-year-old boys and girls

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General
The manuscript is much improved, in particular clarifying the potential public health importance of the study findings in the Introduction. In response to comment #4 regarding the physical activity measures, I do not agree that the self-report measure is likely to be capturing moderate-intensity physical activity ('get out of breath and sweat'), but is capturing primarily vigorous-intensity PA. As this point is not made in the manuscript no changes are necessary and I agree with the rationale regarding not using PA recommendations as a cut-point for the PA data.

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

No revisions required

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

No revisions required

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

No revisions required

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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