Reviewer’s report


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General
Ms. Ref: ‘Not all adolescents get more obese”.
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The manuscript has been written very well. The methods, procedure and statistical test are well described. The manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting, it is expected that mean of height and weight will increase from 1966 - 1969 to 1995 – 1997. This outcome can occur in any other geographical area or ethnicity. Similarly with the Body Mass Index (BMI). Although, if the authors attempt to conduct another survey for the period 1997 – 2006, they would find the same pattern of increase in height, weight and BMI.

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

Author's response to reviewers is not provided point by point.

The authors should state the "Limitation of study in a brief point by point"

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 authors corrected already Table 1b in manuscript.

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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