Reviewer’s report

Title: Overweight In Turkish Adolescents: Prevalence, Its Effects On Self-Esteem, Depression and Body Satisfaction

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General
Information on association of self-esteem, depression and body satisfaction in developing countries is lacking. Therefore, this paper adds some data on this topic. However, the paper requires some modification to become suitable for publication in the Journal.

• The method of the data is appropriate and the data are sound.
• There is no good balance between introduction and discussion. The introduction must be supported by more studies.
• The title of the paper should be changed (see comments).
• The paper requires English language editing.

Discretionary Revisions
Add in the keywords: body satisfaction, Turkey

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The author used the term ‘overweight’ instead of ‘obesity’ in most of the section of paper. I think the term obesity is more relevant (also in the title of the paper). For example, the first line in the introduction should start with “it is a well recognised fact that obesity……”
2. The last two lines in the first paragraph in the introduction need reference.
3. Adolescent stage mostly ends with the age of 18 years and therefore including those of 19 years of age is strange, especially that they represent 0.9% of the total sample. I suggest removing the subjects with age 19 years.
4. The title of the paper may be changed to “The association of self-esteem, depression and body satisfaction with obesity among Turkish adolescents”. The term “effect” is not scientifically correct.

Major Compulsory Revision
1. In the introduction section there are no reviews on previous studies in developed or developing countries and in Turkey (related to the same topic of the paper).

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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