Author's response to reviews

Title: Predictors of overweight and obesity in five to seven-year-old children in Germany: results from cross-sectional studies

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased that the manuscript “Predictors of overweight and obesity in five to seven year old children in Germany: results from cross-sectional studies Christian J Apfelbacher, Adrian Loerbroks, John Cairns, Heidrun Behrendt, Johannes Ring and Ursula Kraemer” has, in principle, been accepted for publication.

In response to the second report of one of the reviewers, I have now deleted the sentence “The cut-off values ranged from 17.2 kg/m² for overweight girls aged 5-<5.5 years to 21.1 kg/m² for boys aged 7.5-<8.0 years.” from the abstract, and inserted “recommended by the International Obesity Task Force,” in the sentence preceding the deleted sentence.

I have also read through the whole manuscript again and have made the following further improvements:

Page 3: “Very recent” has been replaced by “Recent” (line 1); “reported different” has been replaced by “identified further” (line 14); “implicated” has been replaced by “implied” (line 19, line 21)
Page 4: “categorize” has been replaced by “categorise” (line 1)
Page 5: “Body mass index” was inserted to explain BMI (line 20)
Page 6: “(m²)” was inserted as an abbreviation for square metres (line 14)
Page 7: “6” was replaced by “six” (line 1)
Page 8: “grams” was replaced by “g” (line 21, line 22)
Page 9: “1 in 3” was replaced by “one in three” (line 1); “3” was replaced by “three” (line 2); “lack of siblings” was replaced by “single child”
Page 11: “The predictive findings” was replaced by “The findings” (line 1); “majorities” was replaced by “majority” (line 5); “aged” was inserted (line 7)
Page 12: “eating” was replaced by “eating habits” (line 7); “the authors conclude” was replaced by “it was concluded” (line 17); “implicated” was replaced by “implied” (line 25)
Page 13: “In the study” was replaced by “In a study” (line 6); “northwest” was replaced by “Northwest” (line 6); “eastern” was replaced by “Eastern” (line 9); “breast-feeding” was replaced by “breastfeeding” (line 11); “95% CI” was inserted (line 18)
Page 15: “reports on” was replaced by “reported” (line 15)

I look forward to the publication of the manuscript.

Best wishes,

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