Reviewer's report

Title: Potential determinants of obesity among children and adolescents in Germany: results from the cross-sectional KiGGS study

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General comment

The manuscript has been improved and I just have some minor suggestions to be considered:

1. It could be nice to have the sample size in the abstract.
2. Delete “in” before obesity in the last sentence of the conclusion in page 3.
3. If I understand well the authors ask to the participants to include themselves into categories of times per week of physical activity participation, and after that they recalculate as times per week. It seems no so correct for me. How much times gives to those in the almost daily group, 6 or 7? Or in the 3-5 times group, 3, 4, 5? This could deal with some problems in the analysis and explain the results obtained for physical activity relation with obesity and should be clarified.
4. Delete “crude” from first line of the results and from the table 1.
5. Any suggestion or hypothesis for the statement on 2nd paragraph of the page 13 in the discussion?

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