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Review of article entitled
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The question posed by the authors is well defined, and the topic is very relevant. The methods are also appropriate and well described. I am slightly surprised that there are not DHS data available from more countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, but I take the word of the authors that this is not the case.

As far as I can judge the data is sound. The quality of the DHS is generally very good, and I understand it has bee accurately applied in this study. The manuscript also adheres to the relevant standards for reporting, and the conclusions are supported by the data. The limitations are also well stated. The authors also acknowledge the work upon which they are building. The tiles is relevant.

There are some small typographic errors that should be corrected. Also, the authors treat the common cultural belief, that obesity is a sign of prosperity, wealth and health as a minor finding, supported by two references. Personally I believe that this belief is the normal one among the middle class in Sub-Saharan Africa, and one of the major obstacles against health promotion in this area. I think it would be worthwhile to say so in somewhat stronger words.

Overall, an interesting, relevant and well-written article, that should be published without any major 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