Reviewer's report

Title: Overweight and obesity in urban Africa: A problem of the rich or the poor?

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Ziraba et al's has addressed most of my comments and the draft has improved.

However, there are still comments that have not been fully addressed. For example, regarding my comments about the definition of urban and rural, the authors indicated that DHS used the urban/rural classification defined by the respective countries and that this point has been addressed in the discussion section. However, after close examination, I couldn't find this in the discussion section. Given that the data are based on studies from several countries, it is highly necessary to demonstrate the validity of the data and all the limitations need to be addressed accordingly. As the authors indicated in their response, the classification of urban and rural varies by country and this may affect the study conclusions. This is a very important point and needs to be addressed in the method section as well as in the limitation section.

I also suggested in my earlier comments that the results in table 3 should be presented as normal weight versus overweight; and normal weight versus obese. This point was not addressed at all. Comparing obese versus overweight/ not overweight/obese doesn't add much as the table shows.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests