Reviewer's report

Title: Thyroid function derangement and childhood obesity: an Italian experience

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Reviewer: Ze’ev Hochberg

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Major issues:
In the absence of a control group, it is impossible to conclude that obese subjects have high TSH levels.

Minor issues:
The fact that the study was conducted in Italy is of no importance to the Title or Abstract.
Subjects with BMI Z score 1.2 can hardly be defined as obese.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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'