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Title: Obesity in Prematurely Born Children and Adolescents: Follow up in Pediatric Clinic

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Minor Essential Revisions

In the Table 1 title fragment “… low birth premature babies” should be corrected to “… low birth weight premature babies”.

In the Fig. 1 only two age values are showed, but it is not enough to demonstrate the tendency (“The total number of overweight children increased with age”). More intervals should be used.

Discretionary Revisions

Some data, mentioned in the text does not have any confirmation illustrations, respective diagrams should be added (“Overweight adolescents showed significantly higher weight beginning at the age of 24 months as compared with peers who were not overweight later in childhood (p = 0.05).”).

As it could be seen from the Table 1 Odds Ratios of feeding status in overweight children (Formula/exclusively breast fed) is 1.6 and the p value is 0.056 – close to significant. May be some additional calculations (for example, on the increased sample) are needed to refine the absence or presence of such significance.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests