Reviewer's report

Title: Primary weight maintenance: An observational study exploring candidate variables for intervention

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Reviewer: Makiko Nakade

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The present study focused on primary weight maintenance and examined factors related to it. The idea is very interesting but there are some questions about the study;

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) In the study, the subject age was more than 30 years old. Some women become pregnant and give birth during 10 years and this may affect weight change. If it was not considered in the study, examination only focused on non-pregnant women during 10 years may be needed.

2) The variables shown in table 1, table 2 and table 4 create a little confusion. In table 1, numbers of independently significant variables are shown. In table 2, numbers of variables significantly related to ideal type are shown. In table 4, significant variables are shown. Are these variables mean the same variables? If not, please add more information about the variables.

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