Reviewer’s report

Title: Maternal attitudes and child-feeding practices: relationships with the BMI of Chilean children.

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Major compulsory revision

1. remove the analyses pertaining to current parental attitude /practices and change in BMI over the last three years. Such analysis is not scientifically sound.

2. explain why you chose subjects from the intervention group, not the control group. There are reasons to concern that intervention effects may out weigh parental attitude / practices, such interference does not apply to children in the control group.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. page 10 - please explain why the "hierarchical multiple regression" was used. It seems to me that all factors are individual level factors, not system level factor
2. page 11 last sentence - explain what made the subject to be an outlier
3. page 13 first sentence - "positive" should be replaced with "negative"
4. page 19 "mothers who were more concerned about their child's weight.." replace with "heavier children's parents were more concerned of their child's weight"
5. There are quite a number of typos / grammatical errors in the text, which requires much editing effort.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'