Reviewer’s report

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This is a very interesting and novel paper. It fills an important knowledge gap in estimating obesity rates in small areas from publicly available data. It is well written and clear. The analysis is appropriate.

I suggest however, that the authors mention, as a possible limitation, that the results found in Philadelphia may not generalize to other areas or cities.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.