Reviewer’s report

Title: High end of normal ACTH and cortisol levels are associated with specific cardiovascular risk factors in pediatric obesity: a cross-sectional study

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The authors have done a good job in responding to the critiques of the reviewers. I have only minor additional discretionary suggestions:

page 7 “Hypertension was determined after comparison of BP values with those recorded on enrollment day.” Sentence is not clear.

Page 7: awkward sentence: “After a 12-h overnight fast, children were welcomed at 7.30 am to settle them comfortably.” Perhaps change it to. “Children arrived to the clinical center at 7:30 and rested comfortably for half an hour prior to blood work.”

Page 7: “Samples for ACTH and cortisol were the firsts to be collected.” Spelling problem. Maybe change to “ACTH and cortisol samples were drawn first.”

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