Reviewer's report

**Title:** Cluster randomised controlled trial of the Healthy Lifestyles Programme (HeLP), a novel school-based intervention to prevent obesity in school children: Study protocol

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**Reviewer:** Steven Kelder

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I believe the paper is ready for publication, but have one small suggestion related to the description of measurements. As a reviewer, in order to understand the study and to judge its likelihood of contributing to the literature, I need to know the psychometric properties of the measurement tools used to evaluate the study. Referencing the measurement tool is a step in the right direction, but including estimates for reliability and validity relieves the reviewer of looking up the paper and digging it out themselves. This is especially true if you have data from the target study from pretesting. What is the Cronback Alpha or Kappa? What is the validity status of major variables?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I do not have any conflicts