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I feel very happy to congratulate the authors for the excellent and important text, which is very well written, very well structured and with excellent statistical analysis. Here are some suggestions for improvements, as I see it.

There are some methods described in the results, which are unnecessary. In the 2 paragraphe you write "Table 3 presents the baseline ....", and still in the same paragraph "An odds ratio of" - these concepts must already be known to the readers and are unnecessary - besides being methods and not results. Withdraw

In the results you have 3 paragraphs in a row starting with "For women", change this, because the results can be look likes a statistical report.

Table 1 is totally unnecessary since it is a worldwide concept, and should only come as a reference in the methods.

In tables 4 and 5, I suggest to show, within each obese level, the ones that have the best chance (among the three levels of weight gain) of each results, in order to align with tables 6 and 7.

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