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Title: Accuracy of Parent-Reported Information for Estimating Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in a Race-Ethnically Diverse Pediatric Clinic Population Aged 3 to 12

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Dear Editors:

We are re-submitting our manuscript titled “Accuracy of Parent-Reported Information for Estimating Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in a Race-Ethnically Diverse Pediatric Clinic Population Aged 3 to 12” for consideration of publication in BMC Pediatrics.

The only change to the original manuscript submitted are:
• Inclusion of a title page with author affiliation and contact information
• Inclusion of the abstract

Our study examines the accuracy of parent-reported data about their child’s height and weight and subsequent calculation of BMI percentile and overweight/obesity status based on that data. Our study data come from a waiting room survey of parents of pediatric patients in two Northern California Kaiser Permanente facilities that we then linked to the child’s height and weight data in their electronic health record for that day’s visit. We provide information about completeness and accuracy of parent-reported data on child height, weight, and weight classification data overall, by age group (3-5 and 6-12), by race-ethnic group (non-Hispanic White, Black, Latino, and Asian), and by recency of previous measurement. We also provide information overall and by race-ethnicity about the percentage of parents who have a scale and height measuring tool at home to measure the child if asked.

We think that there will be a lot of interest in this study among pediatrics and public health practitioners, policy makers, and researchers because of the widespread interest in childhood overweight and obesity and fact that much of the information being used to estimate population prevalence of overweight/obesity and to evaluate obesity prevention programs is based on child height-weight data obtained from parents.
This paper is not being considered by another journal at this time.

If this article is accepted for publication, I have an account with BMC that will be used to pay for publication fees. I will be the contact person regarding this submission.

We look forward to hearing your reply.

Sincerely,

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