Author's response to reviews

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

Authors:

Nancy P Gordon ScD (nancy.gordon@kp.org)
R. Grant Mellor MD (r.grant.mellor@kp.org)

Version: 5 Date: 19 December 2014

Author's response to reviews: see over
19 December 2014

Re: BioMed Central Pediatrics ms # 1188470133119001 ("Accuracy of Parent-reported information for estimating prevalence of overweight and obesity in a race-ethnically diverse pediatric clinic population aged 3 to 12")

Dear Editor:

We are re-submitting a revised version of 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". The last revision was submitted on 10 October 2014.

Per your (Editor's) request, we have:

- Added acknowledgment of our consulting biostatistician, Yun-Yi Hung, in the Acknowledgments section.
- Corrected the superscripts and footnotes in Table 2 so that they now match.
- Added a sentence to the statistical analysis paragraph of the Methods section indicating that our $P$-values were not adjusted for multiple comparisons ("We did not adjust $P$-values for multiple comparisons, but the results of all planned race-ethnicity and age group comparisons are reported in the tables or text.").

Our biostatistician did not feel that it was necessary to adjust the $P$-value for multiple-comparisons since we reported the results of all planned analyses, and our planned analyses only involved comparisons of one pair of ages (3-5 vs. 6-12) and three race-ethnicity pairs (Black vs. White, Latino vs. White, and Asian vs. White). Therefore, we felt it was more appropriate to mention this in the Methods section than in the discussion of limitations of the study.

We hope that with these revisions you will now find the manuscript acceptable for publication, and look forward to hearing your back from you.

Sincerely,

Nancy P. Gordon, ScD
Research Scientist
Kaiser Permanente Division of Research
2000 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612
ph: (510) 891-3587
fax: (510) 891-3606
email: Nancy.Gordon@kp.org