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Title: The role of cognitive stimulation at home in low-income preschoolers' nutrition, physical activity and Body Mass Index

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The reviewer asked that a footnote be added to clarify whether the standards used differed nationally and internationally. We have clarified that the standards used by the STATA function are the national US standards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In the manuscript, we state that the scores were calculated using a STATA function that uses a US table as a reference, thus these are national standards.

The manuscript reads "Scores for BMI are categorized into 1=normal weight, 2=overweight and 3=obese, where z scores above the 85th percentile are categorized as overweight and above the 95th percentile as obese, using a BMI-for-age reference chart in the US.20" The Stata function used for these conversions is also cited in the manuscript.

We hope this clarifies the reviewers' concern.

Thank you