Reviewer's report

Title: Australian children's consumption of caffeinated, formulated beverages: a cross-sectional analysis

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In the authors' cover letter, there is a discussion of how this research relates to food policy. This discussion is extremely helpful in clarifying the goals of the research. I suggest that the authors add this discussion to the manuscript and use food policy to frame the manuscript, instead of focusing on the health consequences of caffeine intake (which leaves the reader to wonder why only one category of caffeinated beverage is being studied if all caffeine intake is detrimental) would improve the article. In its current version, I have struggled with the rationale for excluding other caffeinated beverages from the analysis.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests