Reviewer’s report

Title: Needs Assessment of School and Community Physical Activity Opportunities in Rural West Virginia: The McDowell CHOICES planning effort

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The authors present a well-written manuscript. It is easy to follow, provides an important contribution to the field and the conclusions agree with the data presented. The authors presented a potential interesting and relevant study regarding a comprehensive needs-assessment of School and Community Physical Activity Opportunities in Rural West Virginia. The study is very timely as the growing concerns of the epidemic percentages of sedentary behavior and obesity among children, adolescents and adults.

The findings are certainly of interest to the readers of BioMed Central.

Minor issues requiring attention:

Use always the abbreviation of a given term that you have chosen: for example, the authors have defined PA as an abbreviation for “physical activity” – but PA is not always used – please check it throughout the manuscript.

It is not clear for the readers the age of the sample. What is the age of the student of 5th, 6th and 8th grades?

Table 2 - the n of the sample is missing.

A paragraph about the limitations and strengths of the study is lacking.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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.