Author’s response to reviews

Title: Systematic appraisal of integrated community-based approaches to prevent childhood obesity. Do we have the tools?

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors I re-submit the revision of our article entitled “Systematic appraisal of integrated community-based approaches to prevent childhood obesity. Do we have the tools?” to your journal Biomedical Central Public Health.

Please find below our replies under each of the editor’s comments.

(1) Please state within your 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section that your research does not fall under the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act in the Netherlands. Please also state here, as per your email response, that your Ethics committee (please name the committee) considered it entirely appropriate that you interviewed some program managers about their experience with previous projects in different European countries.

- We have revised the section “Ethics approval and consent to participate” according to your indications as follows: “This research does not fall under the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act in the Netherlands (WMO). Specifically, the Medical Ethics Committee of
the VU University Medical Centre, considered it entirely appropriate that we interviewed programme managers about their experience with previous projects focusing on the prevention of childhood obesity, implemented in various European countries.“ (lines 472-476).

(2) Please revise your 'Consent for publication' section as per the guidelines here: https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article. If your manuscript does not contain data from any individual person, please state “Not applicable” in this section.

- As our research does not include any individual person’s data in any form (including individual details, images or videos) nor children’s data obtained by their parent or legal guardian, we have revised the section “Consent for publication”, stating that it is “not applicable”, (line 478).

(3) Please move your full 'Declarations' section to before your 'References' list and after your 'Conclusions’ as stated in the guidelines here: https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article

- We apologise for including the section of Declaration in the wrong place. We have moved it according to your indications (lines 470-501).

Yours sincerely,

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