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Title: Prevalence and predictors of overweight and obesity among school-aged children in urban Ghana

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This paper reports analyses of a cross-sectional dataset of school-aged children in urban Ghana. It identifies some determinants of overweight and obesity and makes a useful contribution, but several aspects of the paper require revision.

1. The title "Prevalence and determinants of overweight and obesity among school-aged children in urban Ghana":

A determinant is often presented as "cause of causes" in casual relationship. As this study is a cross-sectional study, it cannot infer causal relationship. So it is inappropriate to use "determinant" in this study.

2. There should be a blank line between paragraphs!

3. Please add approval number in "study population" section (Line 120-121)

4. As stated in Line 129-138, 57*20+64*36=3444 pupils were contacted. But only 3089 children were recruited. Please give more detailed information about the sample size flow (including exclusion criteria).

5. For 57 public schools, they had both primary and junior high school departments. What about the 64 private schools? Are they exclusively primary, or junior high, or both?
6. Is there any missing data for each characteristic? Please report the missing data.

7. Please unify the "P" value. In Line 186, it was "p", while in other places, it was "P".

8. Line 256: SES. For those not well-known abbreviations, they should be defined in the text at first use.

9. Table 4: please add a column for P values.

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