Author’s response to reviews

Title: Television exposure and overweight/obesity among women in Ghana

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COMMENT 1:
Please revise this sentence to addresses inconsistencies in proportion of TV ownership. Also watch for spelling errors and inconsistencies.

The sixth round of the Ghana Living Standard Survey (GLSS) indicates that ownership of a TV set almost doubled (from 40 to 75 %) in urban households and 4 tripled (from 12 to 34 %) in rural households from 1998/99 to 2012/13) [32]. According to Ovum [33], Ghana had TV household penetration of 60% in 2014, and this is projected to increase to about 70% in 2019.

RESPONSE:
I wish to thank you for the above observation. I have now revised this section of manuscript reconcile the inconsistencies and errors. Please refer to page 5, line numbers 18-20.

COMMENT 2:
This sentence is awkward, please revise. Are you measuring to the nearest 0.1cm? In duplicate? What does well trained personnel mean? Is it research staff?

A SECA 874 digital scale and Shorr height board were used to measure the weights and height of women, respectively, using standardised protocols 23 and well trained personnel as outlined in the MEASURE DHS Biomaker field manual 24 [37]

RESPONSE:
This section of the manuscript has now been revised to read better and clarify anthropometric measurement details. Please refer to page 7, line numbers 3-6.
COMMENT 3:

Please you person first language throughout (http://www.obesitynetwork.ca/people-first). I am also still not convinced of why you grouped overweight/obese together

RESPONSE:

I am most grateful to you for drawing my attention to using people-first language as standard in writing on obesity. I now have revised the manuscript accordingly as much as possible.

Also, I have provided further clarification regarding the grouping overweight/obesity. Please kindly refer to page 7, line numbers 18-24

COMMENT 4:

While I appreciate that you've added additional information into the introduction, it is now 4 pages long, which should be condensed.

RESPONSE:

In the revised manuscript, I have tried as much as possible to condense the introduction section without compromising important details.

Lin Yang (Reviewer 2):

COMMENT:

Lin Yang (Reviewer 2): Please include all comments for the authors in this box rather than uploading your report as an attachment. Please only upload as attachments annotated versions of manuscripts, graphs, supporting materials or other aspects of your report which cannot be included in a text format.

No further comments, very interesting data and study.

RESPONSE:

I appreciate this very important observation and will adhere to it. Thank you ever so much for your support.