Reviewer’s report

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

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This manuscript examined the cross-sectional association between TV exposure and overweight/obesity among Ghanaian women using a national representative data. It is indeed an interesting question to be investigated in this particular sample given the rapid social and economic change in developing countries. The biggest concern about this analysis is the lack of measures of physical activity and energy intake. In the discussion session on page 11 and 12, author stated possible explanations of the observed association between TV exposure and weight that was reported in previous research studies, but none of these statements were able to be explored in the current data. Second, author mentioned that the survey included samples of men and women. Please justify why only data on women were analyzed.

Abstract, please include sample size.

Page 9, line 1-22: the first paragraph is not easy to understand. For instance, "a greater proportion (47%) of ", please specify what was author comparing 47% to for being greater. Similar confusions rose with "more widowed/divorced/separated (15%) women", "more cohabiting (45%) women". In addition, author quantified proportions at some, but not all statements.

Page 14, line 31, please give more specific examples on how to design interventions to encourage the uptake of more physically demanding pastime activities.

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