

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Dynamics of growth and weight transitions in a pediatric cohort from India.

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The paper by M. Raj, KR Sundaram et al "Dynamics of Growth..." is now nearly ready for publication. The only suggestion I have is a clarification/correction in table 2, see comments to authors below:

This paper has been improved substantially by changing the focus from obesity to general trends in nutritional status. I think this will be a contribution, especially given the size of the cohort. I would encourage the authors to continue this interesting work.

Table 2. Before publication, please clarify. The data in the table are percent of children in each BMI percentile? If so, it cannot be, for instance, that among the boys aged 5 years 16.2 percent are in the 95th percentile of BMI.

The figures are very helpful in summarizing the data and are a significant improvement over the previous draft.