Reviewer's report

**Title:** Validation of the Comprehensive Feeding Practices Questionnaire with parents of 10-to-12-year-olds

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Discretionary revisions

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to review this manuscript. It is well structured. The title and the abstract convey what has been found. The question is well defined with an appropriate method. The sample is large.

I especially appreciated the discussion which states the limitations very carefully. In particular, it is said that the current validation has to be extended and I agree with such a conclusion. The writing is OK.

I have several recommendations for the authors in order to improve the manuscript.

- In the introduction, the authors should extend the section about the importance of such an instrument in applied research.

- The structure of the CFPQ has too many (10) "little" factors with a few number of items in each. Table 3 showed that the factors were not totally independent from each others. Hypotheses could be made about second-order factors. These could reveal a more clear and more simple structure of the instruments.

- The factorial structure has to be supported with a confirmatory factor analysis but in another sample.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests