Reviewer's report

Title: A cross-sectional study assessing the self-reported weight loss strategies used by adult Australian general practice patients.

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Reviewer: Eyal Jacobson

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Major Compulsory Revisions
none.

Minor Essential Revisions
• It is not clear to what category BMI=18.5 kg/m² belongs to.
• The age categories in table 1 should be 18-24, 25-44, 45-64… or other consistent categories.
• The abbreviations HSC, TAFE in table 1 should be clarified.
• No consistency notifying the CI - [95% CI 67 -76] vs. [48- 59] for example.

Discretionary Revisions
• As the authors refer to the ‘touchscreen computer health questionnaire’ a ‘novel method of data collection’ it is suggested that they’ll review the existing data from previous studies about the validity and strengths of this method.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests