Reviewer's report

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I am satisfied with the adaptations that have been made to the manuscript. The methods section has become much clearer now.

The authors now also discuss that they did not find any significant association between the various nutrition awareness and label reading variables and give some possible explanations for that. There is, however, one very important potential explanation missing, which is that there is no direct association between a very distal determinant (reading labels would result in knowledge) and overweight or BMI. There is no theory that would suggest that a variable such as knowledge alone would result in behaviour change, let alone in change in overweight/BMI. It is important to also include this as a potential explanation for finding no direct association.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.